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September 14, 2018

Sent electronically to Elizabeth Pauli at elizabethpauli@cityoftacoma.org and Martha Lantz, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Tacoma at mlantz@ci.tacoma.wa.us

Subject: Complaint regarding the City of Tacoma – PDC Case No. 27571

Dear Ms. Pauli:

Below is a copy of the electronic letter sent to Arthur West concerning the above referenced complaint that was filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on November 15, 2017.

As noted below to Arthur West, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking any further action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or via e-mail at erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

/s _____
Erick Agina
PDC Compliance Officer

/s _____
BG Sandahl, Deputy Director for
Peter Lavalley, Executive Director





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Dear Mr. West:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on November 15, 2017. The complaint alleged that the City of Tacoma may have violated RCW 42.17A.550, .555 and .255 for unauthorized use of public funds or resources for campaign activity and failure to report independent expenditures.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations contained in your complaint and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- The allegations contained in the complaint underlying the PDC Case 27571 are substantially similar to a citizen action complaint filed with the Attorney General's Office pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765.
- On September 7, 2018, the PDC became aware that you (by way of a non-profit corporation called Washington League for Increased Transparency and Ethics) filed a lawsuit containing substantially similar allegations as the complaint underlying PDC Case 27571 in Thurston County Superior Court (Cause No.18-2-01361-34). Since the Thurston County Superior Court now has primary jurisdiction over this matter, the PDC will defer to the court's judgment in bringing the matter to resolution.

Based on the above, the PDC has administratively closed this matter and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action.

If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at erick.agina@pdcc.wa.gov.

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cc: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
Martha Lantz, Deputy City Attorney