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January 31, 2019

Delivered electronically to "jammz@comcast.net"

Subject: PDC Case 26488

Dear Matthew Holm:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Larry Nelson concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Larry Nelson, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of about the importance of preventing the use of public facilities to support or oppose any candidate or ballot proposition. PDC staff expects that you will avoid the use of public facilities to support or oppose election campaigns in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
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For Peter Lavallee
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January 31, 2019

Delivered electronically to "lnelson1945@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Matthew Holm, PDC Case 26488

Dear Lawrence Nelson:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on October 20, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Matthew Holm may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for using Central Pierce Fire District equipment in photos for political advertising.

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

- Matthew Holm appeared in mailed political advertising sponsored by the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 726, in front of publicly owned fire equipment for Central Pierce Fire Protection District.
- While Matthew Holm performed a photo shoot at request of the union, he was unaware that the photos were intended for use in political advertising.
- The International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 726, distributed political advertising depicting public facilities, but no employee of a public agency authorized the use of the equipment, as required by RCW 42.17A.555.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, appearing in independent political advertising next to publicly owned fire equipment, does not amount to an actual material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Matthew Holm about the importance of preventing the use of public facilities to support or oppose any candidate or ballot proposition.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fdc@fdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Matthew Holm