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October 5, 2017

Delivered electronically to "gkdruffel@wsu.edu"

Subject: PDC Case 25381

Dear Washington State University:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the Washington State Republican Party concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on September 21, 2017. The complaint alleged that employees of Washington State University may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for misuse of public facilities to support the congressional campaign of Lisa Brown. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to the Washington State Republican Party, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter.

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 fox.blackhorn@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by

Peter Lavallee
Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to the Washington State Republican Party



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Delivered electronically to "dan@danbradylaw.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Washington State University, PDC Case 25381

Dear Washington State Republican Party:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 21, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Washington State University may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for misuse of public facilities to support the congressional campaign of Lisa Brown.

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

- The PDC opened Case 25381 based upon the alleged facts of the Complaint on September 26, 2017.
- The Executive Ethics Board has jurisdiction over allegations of misuse of public facilities for state agencies, officials, and employees.
- Information about the process for filing a complaint with the Executive Ethics Board may be found here: <http://ethics.wa.gov/enforcement/file-complaint>

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the PDC lacks jurisdiction to investigate the alleged violations.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing 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 fox.blackhorn@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ginger Druffel, Washington State University