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April 12, 2018

Delivered electronically to Debra Perry

Subject: Debra Perry Complaint Return Cover Letter, PDC Case 24667

Ms. Perry:

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

As noted below in the electronic letter to Mr. Ringus, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, please contact PDC staff member Kurt Young by e-mail at kurt.young@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Kurt Young
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
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Subject: Complaint filed against Debra Perry, PDC Case 24667

Mr. Ringus;

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 30, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Debra Perry, the incumbent Mayor for the City of Milton and a candidate for re-election to that office in 2017, used the facilities of the City of Milton to assist her candidacy, in violation RCW 42.17A.555.

Specifically, you alleged that Ms. Perry's campaign was assisted by Pete Lewis, who was hired as a consultant by the City of Milton, on at least three occasions. PDC staff reviewed allegations in your complaint, and as a result we found the following:

- Debra Perry was elected to the Milton City Council in 2009. Ms. Perry served as Mayor of Milton from 2010 until December of 2017.
- Pete Lewis is the former three term Mayor for the City of Auburn, and he also served one-term on the Auburn City Council prior to becoming Mayor. Mr. Lewis is a former President of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, and after leaving public service, he started a Consulting and Facilitating business in 2014. He is currently serving on the Board of Trustees at Green River Community College.
- Ms. Perry stated that Mr. Lewis was hired as an economic development consultant for the city of Milton. She stated that his "job duties included participation with the Chamber of Commerce, businesses, as well as the port of Tacoma, and all things related to attracting business to the city of Milton."
- Ms. Perry stated that at no time during her 2017 re-election campaign were City of Milton "funds used to promote my campaign", and that Mr. Lewis was not acting in his capacity as a consultant for the city at the "Meet the Candidate" event.

No evidence was provided that Mr. Lewis, as a consultant for the City of Milton, appeared at a chamber sponsored "Meet the Candidate's" event in Milton while he was "on the clock." Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, there is no evidence that supports a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation.

The PDC has closed the matter, 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 Kurt Young by e-mail at kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Kurt Young, Compliance Officer

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Barbara Sandahl, Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee, Executive Director

cc: Debra Perry

