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Subject: Complaint regarding Clark County Republican Party, PDC Case 24650

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has concluded its review of your complaint filed on September 1, 2017. Your complaint alleged that the Clark County Republican Party may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely report contributions and expenditures, and RCW 42.17A.430 by accepting unauthorized contributions from candidate committees.

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

- The allegations contained in your complaint underlying PDC Case 24650 are substantially similar to a citizen action complaint you filed with the Attorney General's Office pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765.
- On October 27, 2017, the PDC became aware that a lawsuit containing substantially similar allegations as the complaint underlying PDC Case 24650 was filed in Superior Court in the name of Washington State by the Attorney General's Office.
- The Superior Court now has primary jurisdiction over the substance of this complaint, and the PDC will defer to their judgment in bringing the issues in your complaint to resolution.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting further investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

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If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

s/_____
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Endorsed by,

s/_____
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