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

Dear Mr. Gellatly:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has concluded its review of the complaint filed by Walter Smith on September 1, 2017. The 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 the allegations, and as a result of staff's review, we found the following:

- The allegations contained in the complaint underlying PDC Case 24650 are substantially similar to a citizen action complaint filed with the Attorney General's Office pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765 by Walter Smith.
- 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 the complaint to resolution.

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

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by replying to this email.

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Sincerely,

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Phil Stutzman  
Sr. Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Barbara Sandahl  
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Executive Director

cc: Clark County Republican Party