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Dear Mr. Blackhorn,

This letter responds to Ms. Shavlik's August 18, 2017 Complaint. Thank you for allowing me an extension to 9/11/17 to respond to it.

The Complaint raises four issues. I address each in the order they are identified in the document I received from the PDC.

1. "Violation of RCW 42.17A.710(1)(g) for failure to disclose membership on Dawson's Place Board of Directors on the F-1 statement of personal financial affairs."

I served on the Dawson Place Board of Directors from its inception until December, 2011, when I resigned, following my appointment to the Superior Court bench. I resigned before I took my oath of office in January, 2012. I have reviewed my PDC filings for 2011 and believe they accurately reflect my position on the Board at that time.

2. "Violations include \$300,000.00 ownership, never reported-(beneficiary of property personally Owned by Janis Ellis) 1509 California that was purchased by Our Governments Money. (see deed)."

There was a period of time during which I provided bridge funding to Dawson Place. I did not hold public office during that period of time and so there are not PDC filings that reflect the actions that I took.

The funding was to help Dawson Place with the process of acquiring property at 1509 California Ave., Everett, WA. I did so by mortgaging my home (which, at the time, I owned jointly with my spouse). Those funds were made available to the organization and my loan was secured by the Dawson Place property at 1509 California Ave., Everett, WA. Records on file with the Snohomish County Auditor's Office reflect that occurred in 2010, when I did not hold elected office. Once the organization was in a position to receive other funding for the building's purchase, my bridge loan was no longer needed and a "Full Reconveyance" was issued. That occurred in June, 2011, before I was appointed to the Superior Court bench.

3. "Grantee for Dawson Place grant and was the president for Dawson Place." I am not sure I understand Ms. Shavlik's concern, but looking at the documents appended to her Complaint and considering them in light of the sentence quoted above, it appears Ms. Shavlick reads the phrase "Grantee Representative" on the Face Sheet of the Department of Commerce's 8/25/09 document as reflecting that I personally received the funding that is the subject of that document. I did not. I was listed in the document in my capacity (at that time) as the Chair or President of the Dawson Place Board of Trustees.

4. "Failure to report being on the Board of Directors for the King County Nurses Association 42.17A.710(1)(g)."

I am not the Janice Ellis who is (or was) on the Board of Directors for the King County Nurses Association.

I hope this information fully responds to the Complaint. Please contact me if I can provide additional information to the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Janice E. Ellis