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June 17, 2019

Delivered electronically to "jorozco@wapato-city.org"

Subject: PDC Case 49906

Dear Juan Orozco:

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

As noted below to Tony Guzman, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Micaiah Ragins
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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For Peter Lavalley
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Delivered electronically to "tonyguzman102@yahoo.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Juan Orozco, PDC Case 49906

Dear Tony Guzman:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on March 30, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Juan Orozco, a former Mayor for the City of Wapato, may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for use of public facilities to support a political campaign event.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Juan Orozco; and the applicable PDC reports, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On January 1, 2018, Juan Orozco began a term as Mayor for the City of Wapato after being elected in November, 2017. A post-election inaugural event took place within the Wapato Community Center on approximately January 20, 2018.
- On April 18, 2019, Juan Orozco provided a response which stated that the celebratory event was hosted by a separate organization with private funds and that the city did not expend any public funds for the event. He also stated that all food and entertainment was donated.
- RCW 42.17A.555 states: "No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition."

Based on these findings and the following facts, staff has determined that in this instance, the unauthorized use of public facilities does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation since: (1) There is no evidence that public funds were used for the event and (2) The event took place during the post-election period, which is not a violation of RCW 42.17A.555 because the event does not relate to assisting a campaign for election.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), 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 Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

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