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August 6, 2018

Delivered electronically to "dpape55@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 36975

Dear Don Pape:

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

As noted below to Nansen Malin, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of clear communication in political advertising and informing you to use clarifying terms such as "elect" in order to avoid further confusion and incumbency misrepresentation during future political campaigns.

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 micaiah.ragins@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Micaiah Ragins
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
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Delivered electronically to:
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Subject: Complaint regarding Don Pape, PDC Case 36975

Dear Nansen Malin, Karen Harrell, and Debra Oakes:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaints you filed in June, 2018. Your complaints alleged that Don Pape may have violated RCW 42.17A.335 for falsely representing himself in campaign signs as an incumbent.

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

Don Pape posted campaign signs which did not clearly identify whether he was a new candidate for election or an incumbent for reelection.

Mr. Pape explained that he did not intend to misrepresent himself as the incumbent and believed that the signs only indicated that he is a candidate.

He also informed PDC Staff that he did not include the position number in the signs because there is only one commissioner seat open in Pacific County.

Don Pape has agreed to correct future campaign materials in order to use wording that clarifies that he is not the incumbent and to avoid confusion.

PDC staff is reminding Don Pape about the importance of clear communication in political advertising and informing Don Pape to use clarifying terms such as "elect" in order to avoid further confusion and incumbency misrepresentation during future political campaigns. 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 Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Don Pape