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7/24/2018

Delivered electronically to "robert@votemoelder.com"

Subject: PDC Case 36732

Dear Robert Moelder:

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

As noted below to Open Segers, 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 including political party affiliation when a party preference has been declared on a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) or Declaration of Candidacy.

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_____

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Delivered electronically to "opal@email@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Robert Moelder, PDC Case 36732

Dear Opal Segers:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on June 8, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Robert Moelder may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to identify party affiliation in campaign signs.

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

- Robert Moelder filed as "Independent" on the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) with the Public Disclosure Commission on May 29, 2018.
- Per RCW 42.17A.320(1), a candidate that has expressed a party or independent preference must clearly identify their party affiliation in political advertising.
- Mr. Moelder was required to include his party preference in his campaign signs since he was declared as an Independent Candidate.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to include party affiliation on campaign signs does not amount to a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Robert Moelder about the importance of including political party affiliation when a party preference has been declared on a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) or Declaration of Candidacy. 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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