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Subject: Contribution Waiver

To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>

This letter is in behalf of Recall Jerry Hatcher (the "Committee") a non-profit that is organized as a committee to support the recall of Benton County Sheriff Jerry Hatcher. The Committee is seeking a waiver of the contribution limits set forth in RCW §42.17A.405(3). The Committee understands and accepts the reasons for contribution limits, but also recognizes the decision the PDC made in regards to the Recall Mark Lundquist Committee. In that decision, it was determined that since the recall committee did not back any individual candidate that the donation limits could be amended.

I hereby declare that the Committee is not supporting or endorsing any candidate for the position of Sheriff and is unaware of any individual who is a declared or undeclared candidate for the position of Sheriff or who has interest in seeking the appointment. Upon its inception, the committee voted to remain neutral in regards to the appointment of Sheriff and will not promote nor support any candidate in the future (see attached meeting notes).

I also declare that, insofar as we are aware, the Committee has not accepted donations or support from any candidate. If any individual emerges as a potential candidate, the Committee will not accept any continued support from that individual.

The governing body responsible for selecting the interim sheriff is the County Commissioners. The Committee has kept themselves distanced from the commissioners, having only one conversation with one of the commissioners. The conversation came in response to claims by the party supporting the sheriff that the county's seizure of control of the jail was unsubstantiated. The Committee reached out to the Commissioner to gain more understanding of the decision to take control of the jail.

Given the Committee's commitment to only seek the recall of Sheriff Hatcher and determination to remain separate from any candidates for the position, it is requested that consideration be given to a waiver of contribution limits.

Kind Regards,

Kathlen Wierschke