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July 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to "karenvalenzuela@hotmail.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 32724

Dear Karen Valenzuela:

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

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Barbara Sandahl  
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For Peter Lavallee  
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July 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to “[glen@wethegoverned.com](mailto:glen@wethegoverned.com)”

Subject: Complaint regarding Karen Valenzuela, PDC Case 32724

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed March 8, 2018. The complaint alleged Karen Valenzuela, a former Thurston County Commissioner, may have violated RCW 42.17A.430 by failing to properly dispose of surplus funds, RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to report the dispersal of surplus funds and RCW 42.17A.445 for personal use of campaign contributions.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the majority of the allegations contained in the complaint are substantially similar to PDC complaint 34604, resolved November 15, 2018. I have included that letter for your reference.

Regarding the allegation Valenzuela may have violated RCW 42.17A.445 for personal use of campaign contributions, based on staff's review, we found the following:

- The complaint stated, “On information and belief, these funds have been dispersed for illegal personal use by Karen Valenzuela, and an effort to run out the statute of limitations is being made in order to avoid legal liability for this illegal personal use of campaign finance money.”
- Ms. Valenzuela made one unallowable expenditure, which if not corrected would be a personal use of campaign contributions in violation of RCW 42.17A.445. That expenditure was a \$100 contribution to Governor Inslee's 2016 campaign in August 2015. As noted in staff's case closure letter to Ms. Valenzuela for Case 34604, dated November 15, 2018, Ms. Valenzuela rectified this error by recovering the \$100 contribution from the Inslee campaign on March 26, 2018 and reporting it on a Surplus Funds account C-3 report filed March 28, 2018. Also, as noted in staff's November 15, 2018 letter for Case 34604, on April 2, 2018, Ms. Valenzuela filed a Surplus Funds account C-4 report for March 2018, reporting a \$110 donation to Safeplace. This was the final C-4 report for her Surplus Funds Account and reported a zero ending balance.
- In PDC Case 34604, Ms. Valenzuela received a reminder about the importance of timely and accurately filing Surplus Funds Account reports, should she have such a fund in future years.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).



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