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March 23, 2018

Delivered electronically to "pjohnson@cityofbuckley.com" Subject: PDC Case 27879

Dear Patricia Johnson:

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

As noted below to Marvin Sundstrom, 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 Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
/s
Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator
Endorsed by,
/s
Barbara Sandahl
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For Peter Lavallee
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Delivered electronically to "itilii@tx3.net"

Subject: Complaint regarding Patricia Johnson, PDC Case 27879

Dear Marvin Sundstrom:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on November 21, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Patricia Johnson may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for misuse of city facilities to oppose Candidate Sundstrom.

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

- RCW 42.17A.555 prohibits the use of public facilities, including publications of the office or agency, from being used to support or oppose candidates or ballot propositions.
- In your complaint, you stated that a memorandum created by public employees for the use of City Council, was used by Patricia Johnson while doorbelling in support of her candidacy.
- In her response, Patricia Johnson stated that she did not use the memorandum while doorbelling in support of her candidacy.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation.

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.

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cc: Patricia Johnson