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March 13, 2018

Delivered electronically to "oswin@plix.com"

Subject: PDC Case 27079

Dear Shelly Short:

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

As noted below to Karen Hardy, 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 _____
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March 13, 2018

Delivered electronically to "walter@smithdietrich.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Shelly Short, PDC Case 27079

Dear Karen Hardy:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on October 27, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Shelly Short may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely report expenditure or in-kind contribution for political advertising and RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to include sponsor ID on political advertising.

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

- The allegations contained in the complaint underlying PDC Case 27079 are substantially similar to a citizen action complaint, filed with the Attorney General's Office pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765.
- On January 30, 2018, the PDC became aware that a lawsuit containing substantially similar allegations as the complaint underlying PDC Case 27079 was filed in Superior Court in the name of Washington State.
- The Superior Court now has primary jurisdiction over the substance of this complaint, and the PDC will defer to their judgment in bringing the issues to resolution.

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: Shelly Short