



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Delivered electronically to davidjfaber@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 176259 regarding David Faber

David Faber:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Reverend Crystal Cox on July 23, 2025. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.555 for use of public facilities or resources for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure.

Applicable Laws and Rules

[RCW 42.17A.555](#) prohibits elected or appointed officials, their employees, and employees of a public office or agency from using, or authorizing the use of, public office/agency facilities (resources), directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting an election campaign or for the promotion of, or opposition to, any ballot proposition.

Background and Findings

- The Respondent sent an email from his official City of Port Townsend email on July 10, 2025, endorsing a candidate for city council.
- The Respondent states he was not intentionally acting in his official capacity when responding with his endorsement of the city council candidate where the journalist emailed him at his official email address.
- The Respondent stated that he will be careful to respond from his personal email account in the future.
- The Respondent does not have any prior violations with the PDC.

Summary and Resolution

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. After consideration of the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purpose of this chapter. Under WAC 390-37-060, the executive director, at any time prior to consideration by the commission, may dismiss a complaint which on its face, or as shown by

investigation, provides reason to believe that a violation has occurred, but also shows that the respondent is in substantial compliance with the relevant statutes or rules, or shows that formal enforcement action is not warranted. Your use of public facilities or resources for the purpose of supporting a candidate does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, you are receiving a formal written warning concerning use of public facilities or resources for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure. PDC staff expects you not to use public facilities or resources for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure in the future. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed by Tabitha Townsend

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Officer

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee

Peter Frey Lavallee
Executive Director

cc: Reverend Crystal Cox