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April 23, 2019

Delivered electronically to "john.lovick@leg.wa.gov"

Subject: PDC Case 23497

Dear John Lovick:

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

As noted below to Lori Shavlik, 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 Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to "loritanning@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding John Lovick, PDC Case 23497

Dear Lori Shavlik:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 2, 2017. Your complaint alleged that John Lovick, an incumbent State Representative for the 44th Legislative District, may have violated RCW 42.17A.635 for use of public funds to lobby in support of Dawson Place.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney; and the applicable PDC reports filed by the Campaign, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- John Lovick is a member of the Washington House of Representatives for the 44th Legislative District. He was elected to the office on November 8, 2016 and previously served in the House of Representatives from 1999 to 2007.
- On February 12, 2013 as Snohomish County Sheriff, John Lovick communicated a request to Legislators to support \$600,000 in appropriations for the Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center. The request was sent to Jim Honeyford, Sharon Nelson, Frank Chopp, and Hans Dunshee. The purpose of the request as stated in John Lovick's letter is to "complete Phase II of their building project to complete the building and to add child friendly improvements."

- On January 17, 2014 as Snohomish County Executive, John Lovick communicated a request to Legislators to support \$176,250 in appropriations for the Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center. The request was sent to Hans Dunshee, June Robinson, and Frank Chopp. The purpose of the request as stated in John Lovick's letter is to "complete the building's exterior, roof improvements and to add child friendly improvements."
- John Lovick sent the letters while operating in the official capacity of the Snohomish County Executive Office and Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, prioritizing the Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center for Snohomish County. The letters state that the "co-location and coordination of services at Dawson Place enables all of our partner agencies to care for victims of physical and sexual abuse in a more efficient, cost effective and most importantly, compassionate way. National statistics show that one in four girls and one in six boys experience sexual or physical abuse as children. Snohomish County cases of child abuse mirror those statistics."
- RCW 42.17A.635 does not prevent officers or employees of an agency from communicating with a member of the legislature on the request of that member; or communicating to the legislature, through proper official channels, requests for legislative action or appropriations that are deemed necessary for the efficient conduct of the public business or actually made in the proper performance of their official duties.

Based on these findings and the following facts, staff has determined that in this instance, the unauthorized use of public facilities for lobbying does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation since: (1) Part of John Lovick's official duties as Snohomish County Sheriff and County Executive is to lobby on behalf of the jurisdiction for the needs of the County; (2) Mr. Lovick was operating in his official capacity when communicating to Legislators regarding Dawson Place; and (3) John Lovick's time spent lobbying Legislators is consistent with RCW 42.17A.635 as not being reportable lobbying.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case. If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

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