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September 16, 2019

Sent electronically to shawneemyers@comcast.net and oostermanlinda@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 54859, Complaint filed by Andrew Saturn

Dear Linda Oosterman and Shawn Myers:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Andrew Saturn concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Andrew Saturn, 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 at 1-360-586-4746 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s\_\_\_\_\_

Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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September 16, 2019

Delivered electronically to saturn@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Linda Oosterman, PDC Case 54859

Dear Andrew Saturn:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed July 13, 2019 alleging Linda Oosterman violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using agency facilities to assist her 2018 campaign for Thurston County Public Utilities District Commissioner, specifically using official photos and video from a training event on her campaign Facebook page.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements, and the response provided by Linda Oosterman, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- RCW 42.17A.555 prohibits public agencies and officials from using or authorizing the use of public facilities, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. This prohibition does not apply to activities that are part of the normal and regular conduct of the public agency or official, as defined in WAC 390-05-273.
- In response to the complaint, Oosterman stated the photos and video were taken and posted to her Facebook page with her personal cell phone, not with public-agency owned equipment or facilities.

Based on these findings staff has determined, in this instance, the alleged use of public facilities does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

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).

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail [fdc@fdc.wa.gov](mailto:fdc@fdc.wa.gov).

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