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Fox Blackhorn
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Re: Complaint from Glen Morgan
PDC Case No. 55282

Dear Mx. Blackhorn:

We write to you on behalf of our client, Mayor Debbie Bertlin, in response to Glen Morgan's July 21, 2019, complaint. Glen Morgan alleges Mayor Bertlin used public resources, specifically her work email and/or city-provided computer, to manage her campaign and file documents on behalf of her campaign with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) in violation of RCW 42.17A.555. These allegations are based on Mayor Bertlin's response to Glen Morgan's complaint in now-resolved PDC Case No. 53323.

Glen Morgan's complaint in this case misunderstands Mayor Bertlin's response to the PDC. Mayor Bertlin did not use either her work computer or her work email in attempting to file documents on behalf of her campaign. Instead, she was working from her personal cell-phone and computer. Although Mayor Bertlin has an application on her personal phone that allows her to send and receive emails from her Mercer Island account, she was not attempting to use her official email to file campaign documents. Mayor Bertlin believes that the update to her Mercer Island email application, which is hosted on her personal device, altered her security settings globally, resulting in the malfunctioning of her personal email and text message applications while out of the country.

Mayor Bertlin understands that she is not allowed to use her city-provided email or computer for campaign purposes and did not attempt to use her city-provided email or computer to manage her campaign or file documents with the PDC while she was out of the country. Thus,

the PDC should find that Glen Morgan's complaint misunderstood Mayor Bertlin's response and dismiss PDC Case No. 55282.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 206-257-6019 or via e-mail at greenberg@workerlaw.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Greenberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Greenberg
Counsel for Debbie Bertlin