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October 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to tomjgriffin@msn.com

Subject: Complaints filed by Allen Dauterman and Linda Moschetti-Newing, PDC Case 57396

Dear Tom Griffin:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Allen Dauterman and Linda Moschetti-Newing concerning complaints filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

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

Sincerely,

/s

Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s

Barbara Sandahl  
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October 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to lmoschetti@comcast.net and allendafterman@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Tom Griffin, PDC Case 57396

Dear Linda Moschetti-Newing and Allen Dauterman:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed Sept. 11 and 16, 2019. The complaints alleged Tom Griffin, a candidate for City of Newcastle City Council, may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using public facilities to assist an election campaign.

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

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

- Tom Griffin, a first-time candidate, filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) May 21, 2019, as a candidate for City of Newcastle City Council, Position 3. Tom Griffin does not currently hold elective office.
- RCW 42.17A.555 prohibits public officials and agencies from using or authorizing the use of public facilities, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of promoting or opposing candidates or ballot measures. This prohibition does not apply to activities that are part of the normal and regular conduct of the public agency, as defined in WAC 390-05-273.
- In his response, Griffin stated "RCW 42.17A.555 applies only to elected officials, employees of their office, or any person employed by a public office or agency. None of the above applies to me as a private citizen running for public office for the first time. Clearly, I have not violated the statute."

Based on our findings staff has determined, in this instance, the alleged use of facilities by Tom Griffin 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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