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November 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to "berbesiforshoreline@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Richard Gustafson, PDC Case 59226

Dear Luis Berbesi:

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

As noted in the letter to Richard Gustafson, 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.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of disclosing complete and accurate sponsor identification on political advertising, including name and address of sponsor. PDC staff expects in the future that you will disclose sponsor identification on political advertising in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Tabitha Townsend  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

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November 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to "richgus@comcast.net"

Subject: Complaint regarding Luis Berbesi, PDC Case 59226

Dear Richard Gustafson:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 24, 2019. The complaint alleged that Luis Berbesi (Respondent), a Candidate for City Council Member for the City of Shoreline may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to disclose accurate and complete sponsor identification on political advertising.

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

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

- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.320 the Respondent is required to provide sponsor identification on political advertising, including name and address of sponsor.
- The Respondent printed and placed political signs that did not disclose the complete sponsor identification, including sponsor's address; the signs did have the sponsor's name and phone number included.
- The Respondent notified the PDC staff that he chose to remove signs as of November 2, 2019 instead of correcting the sponsor identification.
- The Respondent is a first-time candidate and was not on the Primary Election ballot on August 6, 2019.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to provide complete and accurate sponsor identification on political advertising does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Luis Berbesi about the importance of disclosing complete and accurate sponsor identification on political advertising, including name and address of sponsor, in accordance with the statutes and rules.

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).

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cc: Luis Berbesi