



**State of Washington
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TO: Attorney General Bob Ferguson
FROM: David Ammons, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission (PDC)
DATE: September 3, 2020,
RE: Referral of PDC Case Nos. 48424 and 59475 (Google) pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755(4).

Dear General Ferguson,

The Commission met in its regular meeting on August 27, 2020, to consider a request for review and concurrence from PDC staff pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(2) in relation to the above referenced matters. At this meeting the Commission unanimously voted to discontinue further investigation by the PDC and refer the matters to you for further action pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755(4). We have every confidence your office will expertly pursue the matters to the best possible conclusion for the State of Washington and the PDC.

These matters involve potential violations by Google, LLC, for not complying with Washington campaign finance laws related to making required information about political advertisements available to Washington voters. The PDC remains available to assist and cooperate with your staff as this matter proceeds.

In order to coordinate our efforts, and to arrange for a time to discuss the referral and the investigative record with PDC staff, please contact Jana Greer, PDC Administrative Manager, at jana.greer@pdc.wa.gov or you can reach her by phone at (360) 753-1985.

Regulation of online commercial advertisements and making information about them available to Washington voters is at the core of the PDC's mission. The Commission thanks you for your help and assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Jarrett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fred Jarrett, Vice-Chair, for David Ammons, Chair,
Public Disclosure Commission

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cc:Peter Lavalley, PDC Executive Director

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