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December 3, 2019

Delivered electronically to [peggyshepard@comcast.net](mailto:peggyshepard@comcast.net)

Subject: Complaint filed by Bryan Holloway, PDC Case 60032

Dear Mary “Peggy” Shepard:

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

As noted in the letter to Bryan Holloway 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, 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,

Endorsed by,

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Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

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December 3, 2019

Delivered electronically to Bryan Holloway at [d.bryan.holloway@gmail.com](mailto:d.bryan.holloway@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint regarding Mary “Peggy” Shepard, PDC Case 60032

Dear Bryan Holloway:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed October 30, 2019. The complaint alleged Mary “Peggy” Shepard, a City of Snoqualmie City Council Member, may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using city facilities to assist another candidate’s campaign. You provided photos of a sweatshirt that listed three 2019 candidates for Snoqualmie City County Shepard wore at a public meeting.

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

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

- Shepard was first elected to the Snoqualmie City Council in November 2017. The term expires in 2021.
- RCW 42.17A.555 states “No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, 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.”
- RCW 42.17A.555 does not restrict the right of any individual to express his or her own personal views concerning, supporting, or opposing any candidate or ballot proposition, if such expression does not involve a use of the facilities of a public office or agency.
- In response to the allegation, Shepard stated “The meeting was not a ‘council’ town hall meeting, but rather a city town hall meeting held at Mt. Si High School facilitated by an external contractor; most council members attended but they had no role during the meeting except to observe.”

- Shepard noted the “Council members were each introduced at the beginning of the meeting, but I was not aware that these introductions would be made.”
- The meeting referenced in the complaint was advertised on the city website; however, it was not administered as a regular city council meeting or by Shepard. As such, Shepard’s actions were not governed by RCW 42.17A.555.

Based on these findings staff has determined, in this instance, the alleged use of public facilities by Shepard to campaign for another candidate, 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).

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