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July 20, 2020

Delivered electronically to mike@votemike.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Lillian "Randy" Slovic, PDC Case 72446

Dear Michael Alvarez:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Lillian "Randy" Slovic concerning a complaint 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.

Please note, you stated the photo provided was taken in approximately June 2016. If participating in future elections, please remember at least one candidate photo used in political advertising must have been taken in the last five years and it can be no smaller than the largest photo in the ad.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s

Barbara Sandahl
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For Peter Lavallee
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Delivered electronically to rslovic@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Michael Alvarez, PDC Case 77446

Dear Lillian "Randy" Slovic:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed June 18, 2020. The complaint alleged may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by misusing public facilities, specifically wearing a city council pin in political advertising.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations, applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements, reports and data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, and the response provided by Michael Alvarez, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

We found:

- Michael Alvarez registered with the PDC on May 7, 2020 as a candidate for the position of Benton County Commissioner, Position 1, establishing the Committee to Elect Michael Alvarez (Campaign) for the 2020 election, selecting the Full Reporting Option and listing party preference as Republican. Alvarez was elected to the City of Richland City Council in 2018, a position he currently holds.
- In response to the complaint, Alvarez stated he received the pin in 2015 at a Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce meeting, noting he was “not on City Council until 2018 and did not receive the pin in question by the city.”
- In addition, Alvarez stated the pins do not identify him as a city council member, stating “Once I did get on City Council, I was given a bag of them and was told if I ran out of them I could get more. I have given them to high school and college student who go to school in Richland, Local Small business owners, and dozens of Richland residents and anyone who has asked for one” and added “Anyone who wants one can get one if they ask, and that is probably how the person who gave me one got theirs.”

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 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

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