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August 4, 2020

Delivered electronically to John Lovick at "johnlovick@frontier.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Debra Blodgett, PDC Case 72472

Dear Representative Lovick:

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

As noted in the letter to Ms. Blodgett, 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 Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed

Jennifer Hansen
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Subject: Complaint regarding John Lovick, PDC Case 72472

Dear Debra Blodgett:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 19, 2020. The complaint alleged that John Lovick, incumbent State Representative in Legislative District 44 and candidate for re-election in the 2020 primary election, may have violated PDC statute RCW 42.17A.555 or legislative ethics statute RCW 42.52.180 by collaborating with Everett Public Schools in sharing a virtual event originating on Representative Lovick’s 2020 Campaign Facebook page.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes and rules; the response provided by Rep. Lovick; and the response provided by Everett Public Schools in related PDC Case 72467, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- John Lovick is a 2020 candidate for re-election and incumbent State Representative in Legislative District 44. He was originally elected in the November 8, 2016 general election and re-elected in the November 6, 2018 general election.
- The complaint included screenshots of an invitation to a “Juneteenth” virtual event celebration. The invitation originated on Rep. Lovick’s 2020 Campaign Facebook page and was shared on the official Facebook page of Everett Public Schools.
- As an elected member of the state legislature, Rep. Lovick is subject to the Ethics in Public Service Act statutes including RCW 42.52.180. The PDC does not enforce Chapter 42.52 RCW.
- Because the complaint included allegations related to the activities of Rep. Lovick and Everett Public Schools, PDC staff sent the complaint to both parties and requested a written response to the allegations.
- In his response, Rep. Lovick stated that the invitation was originally posted on his 2020 Campaign Facebook page, that he had no control over who shared his post and that the event was not a campaign fundraiser or other political event.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, as concerns the Lovick 2020 Campaign, no evidence supports a finding of a violation that warrants 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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cc: Rep. John Lovick