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July 22, 2020

Delivered electronically to jon.a.lind@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 73564

Dear Jon A Lind:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to concerning a complaint filed July 13, 2020 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). As noted below in the letter to Carol Ham, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. However, PDC staff expects the Campaign to continue updating signs if needed.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of compliance with RCW 42.17A.320, which includes identifying party preference on all political advertising. In addition, please note, the text size requirement for information required by RCW 42.17A.320, including party preference. The text “must appear on the first page or fold of the written advertisement or communication in at least ten-point type, or in type at least ten percent of the largest size type used in a written advertisement or communication directed at more than one voter, such as a billboard or poster, whichever is larger.”

PDC staff expects in the future you will include proper party preference on political advertising, including political signs, in accordance with PDC laws and rules. If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s

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Subject: Complaint regarding Jon A. Lind, PDC Case 73564

Dear Carol Ham:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of your complaint filed July 13, 2020. The complaint alleged Jon A. Lind, a 2020 candidate for Pacific County Commissioner, position 2, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to identify a party preference on political advertising, specifically political signs.

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

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

- Jon A. Lind filed with the Public Disclosure on May 28, 2020 as a candidate for the office of Pacific County Commissioner, position 2, and listing party preference as Independent.
- Once made aware of the complaint and requirements, Lind responded to the PDC on July 21, 2020, stating "I appreciate the notification of the failure to disclose my party preference on the yard signs. I have updated all yards signs to include my party preference using the abbreviation "Ind". I'm also including a picture of the sign that Carol Ham identified as reference. Please be assured that I have included that same "Ind" party preference on all signs."
- PDC staff expects the Campaign to continue updating signs if needed.

Based on these findings, and the fact Lind is a first-time candidate and updated the signs as soon as notified of the requirement, staff has determined that, in this instance, the failure to include party identification does not amount a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Lind about the importance of identifying the party preference on all political advertising in accordance with PDC laws 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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