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March 29, 2021

Delivered electronically to [matthew.dw.adams@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.dw.adams@gmail.com)

Subject: PDC Case 86016, Complaint filed by Johanna Baxter

Dear Matthew Adams:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Johanna Baxter concerning a complaint filed February 19, 2021 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter, the PDC 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.

PDC staff encourage you to familiarize yourself with the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for new candidates. In addition, Washington law does not allow for exploratory committees.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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March 29, 2021

Delivered electronically to hannie@joesdiner.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Matthew Adams, PDC Case 86016

Dear Johanna Baxter:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed February 19, 2021. The complaint alleged Matthew Adams violated RCW 42.17A.205 and .700 by failing to timely register as a candidate (C-1) and file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1).

PDC staff reviewed the allegations, evidence you provided, applicable statutes and rules and the response provided by Matthew Adams to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found:

- The complaint alleged Matthew Adams declared candidacy for the Bremerton City Council, District 5.
- According to the disclosure law, a person becomes a candidate when they do one of these things:
  - accepts a contribution or spends money for a campaign,
  - reserves space or purchases advertising to promote candidacy,
  - authorizes someone else to do any of these activities,
  - states publicly they are seeking office; or
  - files a declaration of candidacy.
- In response to the evidence provided in the complaint, Adams stated "I am a concerned citizen who loves his city. The hosts of The Outlaw Radio Network, posted that information and it is not correct. I have no interest in running for public office, as I stated on the show that night."
- Adams noted the Twitter account "says "5th Dist" not District 5. That "scroll" design does not state that I am a candidate. No where on that Twitter page does it state that I am running for District 5 City Council, what it says is "Hey Bremerton, you Goodnow?" The Twitter handle is similar to <https://mockler4bremerton6.com/> which is specific to the

position she is running for. My Twitter handle is not.”

- There is no evidence Adams raised or spent any funds for a campaign or authorized any other person to raise or spend money towards a campaign.

Based on these findings staff has determined, in this instance, the alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.205 and .700 for failing to timely register as a candidate (C-1) and file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) do 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).

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601- 2828, or by e-mail at [fdc@fdc.wa.gov](mailto:fdc@fdc.wa.gov).

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