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Delivered electronically to lobeforadamscountycommissioner@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 160442 regarding David Lobe

David Lobe:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Jennifer Saunders on October 10, 2024. The complaint alleged violations of:

Applicable Laws & Rules

RCW 42.17A.555 for misuse of public facilities to support a candidate in a video

Background & Findings

- As a candidate for County Commissioner for Adams County in Election year 2024 you made and published videos to support your campaign and elicit votes.
- The videos created were filmed in multiple locations including the Adams County Regional Landfill, Adams County Public Works Department and other private and public locations.
- The landfill portion of the video was filmed in a public space that was available to everyone without restriction.
- The public works location seen in the video was not a public space and was a restricted area of the facility, only accessible by staff.
- The video featuring the public works employee and facility was taken down by you after learning of the potential violation through this case.
- Documentation was provided to support that the videos were not created during your county work hours, as vacation leave was taken to film the videos.

Summary and Resolution

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), you are receiving a formal written warning concerning the misuse of public facilities to support your candidacy in videos. PDC staff expects you to adhere to the laws and rules regarding the use of facilities to support or oppose a candidate or ballot proposition. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with <u>RCW 42.17A.755(1)</u>.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

<u>Electronically signed by Tabitha Townsend</u> Tabitha Townsend Compliance Officer

<u>Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee</u> Peter Frey Lavallee Executive Director

cc: Jennifer Saunders