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July 23, 2019

Sent electronically to [mccomas4hospitalcommission@gmail.com](mailto:mccomas4hospitalcommission@gmail.com)

Subject: PDC Case 25194, Complaint filed by Bill Biery

Dear Bruce McComas:

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

As noted in the letter to Bill Biery, 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, contact Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s\_\_\_\_\_

Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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July 23, 2019

Delivered electronically to billbiery@msn.com

Subject: PDC Case 24651, complaint regarding Bruce McComas

Dear Bill Biery:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed September 17, 2017 alleging Bruce McComas may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using agency facilities to assist his 2017 campaign for Jefferson County Hospital District No. 2 Commissioner, Position 1, and RCW 42.17A.335 by falsely implying the political support or endorsement of public agencies or staff members of public agencies.

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

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

- Bruce McComas filed a Candidate Registration (C-1), May 23, 2017 and an amended C-1 on June 5, 2017 Jefferson County Hospital District No. 2 Commissioner, Position 1, listing Elect Bruce McComas Hospital Commissioner as the Committee name, with Kathy C. Nelson as Treasurer.
- On November 7, 2017, Bruce McComas was elected to Jefferson County Hospital District No. 2 Commissioner, Position 1.
- Elected and appointed officials to public office, and employees of a public office or agency are subject to RCW 42.17A.555. McComas was not an elected or appointed official or a public employee during the 2017 election.
- In his response, McComas stated “the doctors in the photos all informed me that they wanted to do endorsement ads for my campaign” and “were not on Hospital time but were on their own time.”
- The photos were taken in areas assessible to the public.

- The allegations contained in the complaint regarding the action of Jefferson County Hospital staff are substantially similar to the allegation in PDC Case 26451, resolved July 23, 2019. I have included that letter for your reference.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the alleged use of public facilities by Bruce McComas to assist his campaign for hospital commissioner does not appear to be 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).

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