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April 2, 2018

Delivered electronically to "tmoore@hcc.net"

Subject: PDC Case 30305


Dear Tracy Moore:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Bryon Debban concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on January 29, 2018. The complaint alleged that you may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using City e-mails to support Shelton Proposition 1. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to Byron Debban, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter serves as a warning letter concerning your misuse of City facilities to qualify Shelton Proposition 1 for the ballot, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555. PDC Staff expects that you will cease and desist from future use of public facilities to support or oppose any election campaign. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [fox.blackhorn@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:fox.blackhorn@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

  
Peter Lavalée  
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Enclosure: Letter to Tracy Moore



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April 2, 2018

Delivered electronically to “byrondebba@net-venture.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Tracy Moore, PDC Case 30305

Dear Bryon Debban:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on January 29, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Tracy Moore may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for using a city email address to support Shelton Proposition 1.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff’s initial review, we found the following:

- On July 10, 2017, the Shelton City Commission – including Tracy Moore – requested that City Manager Ryan Wheaton draft sample resolution language for Shelton Resolution #1103-0717. The Commissioners were informed that should the Resolution fail, a petition would be necessary to put a Proposition on the ballot.
- On July 13, 2017, Ryan Wheaton e-mailed sample copies of the Resolution and Petition to Tracy Moore, in advance of the City Commission Meeting of July 17, 2017. Resolution #1103-0717 died for lack of a second that night.
- From July 13, 2017, through July 20, 2017, misused City facilities to e-mail copies of the Petition to supporters in anticipation they would be used to gather the required 157 signatures to qualify Shelton Proposition 1 for the ballot.
- On July 24, 2017, 220 signatures on copies of the sample Petition were filed with the Mason County Auditor, who then placed it on the November 7, 2017 ballot. Shelton Proposition 1 passed with 64.37% of the vote.
- Tracy Moore has no prior found violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, misuse of City facilities to qualify Shelton Proposition 1 for the ballot, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555, does not amount to, a material violation warranting further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Tracy Moore will receive a formal written warning concerning her misuse of City facilities to qualify Shelton Proposition 1 for the ballot, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Tracy Moore will cease and desist from future use of public facilities to support or oppose any election campaign. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

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cc: Tracy Moore