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June 12, 2018

Delivered electronically to “ehallock.law@gmail.com”

Subject: PDC Case 35944

Dear Elizabeth Hallock:

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

As noted below to Susan Diaz, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

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.

Sincerely,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to "suzydiaz@hotmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Elizabeth Hallock , PDC Case 35944

Dear Susana Diaz:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on May 25, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Elizabeth Hallock may have violated RCW 42.17A.335 for engaging in libel or defamatory statements in political advertising or electioneering communication.

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

- Gina Mosbrucker's campaign treasurer inadvertently reported a \$500 debt for SD Consulting on the timely filed C-4 covering April 2018. This debt belonged to another campaign utilizing the treasurer's services and did not belong on this C-4. Upon request from the Public Disclosure Commission, this C-4 was amended to remove the erroneous debt.
- Elizabeth Hallock sponsored a series of political advertising, soliciting votes and financial support, using Gina Mosbrucker's C-4 to question the validity of the payment to SD Consulting, and attack the validity of SD Consulting itself.
- RCW 42.17A.335 prohibits political advertising containing false statements of fact or endorsement against candidates, made "*with knowledge of falsity or a reckless disregard as to truth or falsity.*" RCW 42.17A.005(1).
- As the \$500 erroneous debt was reported by the Mosbrucker campaign, it is not a violation of RCW 42.17A.335 to call the report into question. RCW 42.17A.335 only prohibits false statements made against candidates, and does not apply to statements made against private business owners.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation.

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: Elizabeth Hallock