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November 26, 2018

Delivered electronically to “bpearson@kcf7.com”

Subject: PDC Case 41108

Dear Bryan Pearson:

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

As noted below to Greg Laycock, 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 Tabatha Blacksmith at 360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Subject: Complaint regarding Deputy Chief Brian Pearson, Kittitas County Fire District #7, PDC Case 41108

Dear Gregory Laycock:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 28, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Deputy Chief Brian Pearson, Kittitas County Fire District #7 may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using public facilities or office to promote a ballot proposition.

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

- According to Patricia Simpson, Director of the Suncadia Homeowners Association, Deputy Chief Bryan Pearson was present at its 8/2/18 Board Meeting to discuss the leadership situation at Kittitas County Fire Protection District #7. According to Director Simpson, Bryan Pearson gave a neutral presentation and did not attempt to influence voting.
- Deputy Chief Pearson stated that he attended the Suncadia Homeowners Association's 8/2/18 meeting to educate the public about personnel changes at the Kittitas County Fire Protection District #7 and how the funds from the levy, if passed, would be used by the District. He drove a county vehicle to the meeting.
- The Minutes from the Association's Board Meeting state that Bryan Pearson attended the meeting but do not document the content of his presentation.
- The Complainant, Greg Laycock, and two witnesses (Kathleen Horner & Barbara Becker) were not present at the 8/2/18 meeting and therefore do not have first-hand knowledge of the presentation's content.
- Per WAC 390-05-271(2), it is not a violation of RCW 42.17A.555 for a public office or agency to make “an objective and fair presentation of facts relevant to a ballot proposition, if such action is part of the normal and regular conduct of the office or agency.”

- The evidence provided by the Complainant is insufficient to prove that Deputy Chief Bryan Pearson used a public office or facilities to promote a ballot proposition.

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

The PDC has dismissed 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: Deputy Chief Brian Pearson, Kittitas County Fire District #7