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Subject: PDC case 7602

Dear Mr. King:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on August 11, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Barney Burke, candidate for Jefferson County Public Utilities District (PUD), may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using public facilities to support a political campaign.

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

- Although Mr. Burke's campaign materials did show him in uniform with the PUD logo and assets, this is permitted if the photo was not staged for a campaign purpose and the photo is available to the public at large.
- Mr. Burke contacted PDC staff before printing the campaign materials and followed PDC guidance.
- Mr. Burke has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined Barney Burke substantially complied with applicable requirements by using photos that were readily available through Jefferson County PUD, and no further action is warranted. The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint.

If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey at toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Jacob Berkey  
PDC Compliance

Endorsed by,

  
Evelyn Fielding Lopez  
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cc: Barney Burke