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August 4, 2004

COLLEEN HAWKINS
222 17TH ST
GOLDBAR WA 98251

Subject: Complaint to PDC By Joan Marie Amenn Alleging Violation of RCW
42.17.130 by Colleen Hawkins

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Joan Marie Amenn following receipt of her letter alleging that activities engaged in by you were a use of public facilities prohibited by RCW 42.17.130. As noted in our letter, we are not opening an investigation based on the evidence submitted with Ms. Amenn's letter. I am also enclosing a copy of the material submitted by Ms. Amenn.

Please note, all laws and rules cited in this letter can be found on our web site under www.pdc.wa.gov. Click on "Guide to the Law." Please take note of the prohibition against using public facilities to assist a candidate's campaign or to support or oppose a ballot proposition under RCW 42.17.130 and the related definitions under WAC 390-05-271 and WAC 390-05-273.

If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Stutzman
Director of Compliance

Enclosure

*"The public's right to know of the financing of political campaigns and lobbying
and the financial affairs of elected officials and candidates far outweighs
any right that these matters remain secret and private."*

RCW 42.17.010 (10)





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August 4, 2004

JOAN MARIE AMENN
319 13th STREET
GOLD BAR WA 98251

Subject: Complaint to PDC Alleging Violation of RCW 42.17.130 by Colleen Hawkins

Dear Ms. Amenn:

I have reviewed your letter of complaint received July 6, 2004, alleging that Colleen Hawkins, a City of Sammamish employee and Mayor of Gold Bar, violated RCW 42.17.130, by using her City of Sammamish computer to assist her 2003 campaign for Mayor of Goldbar. Your complaint was reviewed to determine whether you provided sufficient evidence that a material violation might have occurred.

As evidence, you submitted copies of three emails allegedly created by Ms. Hawkins with her City of Sammamish computer on October 10, 2003 in which she made comments to Loretta Storm about the Everett Herald's coverage of the 2003 Mayor of Goldbar election.

As we discussed recently by telephone, the emails you submitted do not appear to constitute sufficient evidence of a material violation. Thus, we will not be opening an investigation based on the email correspondence provided in your letter. In our discussion, you stated that you were trying to gather sufficient evidence of campaign activity by Ms. Hawkins using City of Sammamish facilities. If you obtain such evidence, you may file a new complaint.

In addition, you alleged that Ms. Hawkins, as the Mayor of Gold Bar, used the facilities of the City of Goldbar for campaign purposes by making statements at a June 1, 2004, Gold Bar City Council meeting. Her comments were made as part of the Mayor's Report during the council meeting. Ms. Hawkins addressed issues related to the City of Goldbar and did not reference a campaign for Mayor. The position of Mayor of Goldbar is not up for election until 2005. Because you have not provided evidence that a material violation of RCW 42.17.130 might have occurred, and we will not be conducting an investigation into this issue.

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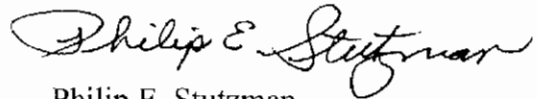
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If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip E. Stutzman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

Philip E. Stutzman
Director of Compliance

c: Colleen Hawkins

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Gold Bar Mayor Colleen Hawkins violated RCW 42.52.180 regarding use of public resources for campaign or election purposes. The enclosed emails clearly show her directing members of her election committee to contact members of the press. Loretta Storm, who is shown to be a member of Ms. Hawkins' election committee, is also a news webpage director. She is responsible for the news content on www.ittakesgrit.org, which serves the Sky Valley area with political news and commentary. Together, Ms. Hawkins and Ms. Storm emailed to and from the City of Sammamish where Ms. Hawkins is employed.

I am sure there are further examples of emails which show Ms. Hawkins manipulating the media through Ms. Storm before she was elected but the enclosed injunction has prevented the release of public records requests made to obtain more. Please note that Gold Bar City Attorney Phil Olbrechts is representing Ms. Hawkins in an injunction against a records request for emails made before she was elected Mayor of Gold Bar. He did not receive Gold Bar City Council permission to do so.

On June 1st, Ms. Hawkins made a twenty minute speech during her Mayor's Comments of a Council Meeting. In this speech, which is enclosed, she defamed several people. Loretta Storm attended this meeting, set up sound equipment to record it and posted the full speech on her webpage. She did not ask for rebuttal or opposing opinion from the individuals defamed before presenting this statement. Ms. Hawkins also filed harassment charges against Ms. Kemp-Sonsteng and Ms. Croshaw named in her statement. She dropped these charges just before the hearing regarding them started. Ms. Storm only revealed this fact on her webpage after being contacted by those whom the charges were served against. Ms. Storm was present in court when the charges were dropped by the Mayor.

Ms. Hawkins is clearly manipulating the media to her advantage, and has been for some time. I request the Commission investigate her campaign and her continuing use of resources and people for her personal advantage which is prohibited by law.