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To:"PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

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RE: PDC Complaint by Wes Cormier

Good afternoon, Jennifer-

It is common practice, and common sense, for elected officials to talk about what happened during their time in office. What is uncommon is for a former county commissioner to turn differences in opinion about policy matters into PDC complaints.

Senior Exemption Program – The county is helping seniors with taxes, \$26m+ during the period of time I have been in office. My opponent's website (votelisaz.com) states that "the aging population cannot afford property taxes", which implies the county does not provide assistance to our seniors, which is not the case (see attached).

Taxes – Throughout my time in office, I have pushed to keep taxes low, and this prior commissioner contorts himself with the complexities of levy rates in an attempt to push a narrative that helps his candidate's campaign.

Red tape / new construction – During my time in office, the county has made substantial changes in Planning & Building (P&B). My opponent's website falsely states there is red tape keeping property owners from developing property and that the permit process is difficult and expensive (see attached). That is not true. I understand from our County Assessor that this year, 2022, it is anticipated that county will see in excess of \$200m+ of new construction – there is no red tape, the P&B permit process is modernized and new construction in GHC is thriving.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to respond.

Vickie Raines

- I support the development of your property.
- I support ending red tape and bureaucracy that interferes with the development of your property. ✓
- I support an easy, inexpensive and limited permit process. ✓
- I support property owners.

## Homelessness and Addiction

- My opponent thinks the current Seattle-model toward homelessness and addiction is working. It does not.
- Enabling is not compassion. I do NOT support the needle exchange or low barrier



- The aging population cannot afford property taxes. ✓
- I support less taxes and fiscal responsibility. ✓

## Spending

- I am a fiscal conservative. Many ideas that come out of government have no consideration for your tax dollars. Politicians use public dollars as a reelection enterprise, funding projects that serve little or no public good.
- The Wishkah Wall to nowhere – a more than \$5 million dollar project to mitigate flooding on a road that is impassible only a few times a year because of tidal