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**Memorandum**

To: Public Disclosure Commission  
From: Jordan Campbell, Compliance Coordinator  
Date: July 17, 2024  
Subject: Christal Olivia Irwin Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 155479

**Allegations:**

PDC staff alleges that Christal Olivia Irwin (The Respondent), a Write-In Superior Court Judge candidate for Ferry/Pend Oreille/Stevens Co Superior Court, violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to file a Candidate Registration (C-1) and RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) covering the previous 12 months prior to becoming a candidate for election year 2024, due within 14 days of becoming a candidate. Because the Respondent is a write-in candidate who declared after filing week, 14 days after becoming a candidate would be May 28, 2024.

**Background and Prior Violations:**

- Christal Olivia Irwin became a write-in Superior Court Judge candidate for Ferry/Pend Oreille/Stevens Co Superior Court, on May 14, 2024.
- On May 22, 2024, PDC staff sent email reminders to all declared candidates regarding their missing C-1 and F-1 reports for election year 2024.
- On May 31, 2024, PDC staff emailed and mailed warning letters to all declared candidates regarding their missing C-1 and F-1 reports for election year 2024.
- On June 21, 2024, PDC staff mailed and emailed the respondent a hearing notice regarding the missing reports for election year 2024. This hearing notice was sent to the respondent's email and address of record.
- On July 15, 2024, the Respondent was emailed an amended hearing notice informing them of the time of the hearing.

As of July 17, 2024, the Respondent has not filed a C-1 or F-1 covering election year 2024.

- On May 23, 2024, the Respondent requested a hardship exemption. Based on the information provided by the Respondent, this hardship exemption was denied.

### **Prior Violations**

#### **First Violation (PDC Case 139567):**

- The Respondent, who was a City Council Candidate for City of Colville, failed to file a F-1 report for election year 2023, which was due no later than June 2, 2024.
- Since City of Colville had 3,190 registered voters in the 2022 general election, candidates for office in that jurisdiction did not have a C-1 requirement.
- On August 9, 2023, the Respondent requested a hardship filing exemption which was denied.
- At an August 17, 2023, Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the outstanding \$250 civil penalty for case 139567.
- In addition, the missing F-1 report for election year 2023 has not been filed.

### **Additional Information**

- Per WAC 390-37-143(5), cases “will automatically be scheduled before the full commission for an enforcement action when the respondent:  
“(a) Was found in violation during a previous reporting period;  
“(b)The violation remains in effect following any appeals; and  
“(c) The person has not file the disclosure forms that were the subject of the prior violation at the time the current hearing notice is being sent.”

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Commission find that the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.250 for failing to file a C-1 report and RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file an F-1 report for election year 2024, and:

1. Assess the Respondent a civil penalty for a one prior occasion of a violation where the report was not filed before the date of the hearing per WAC 390-37-182 to be made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order. The base penalty range for this fact pattern is \$0-\$1000 per report, and
2. Require Christal Olivia Irwin to file the missing C-1 report for election year 2024 and F-1 report covering the 12 months prior to becoming a candidate within 30 days of the date of the Order.