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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN RE COMPLIANCE)	PDC CASE NO: 11-041
WITH RCW 42.17)	
Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive)	Report of Investigation
Respondent)	
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I.

Complaint, background and findings

- 1.1 On May 4, 2011, Becky Harper filed a citizen action (45-day letter) against Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, alleging that Mr. Reardon failed to disclose entertainment and travel on his Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) in accordance with RCW 42.17.241. (**Exhibit #1**) The citizen action letter alleged that Mr. Reardon failed to disclose entertainment and travel in connection with appearances or trade missions made in his official capacity as Snohomish County Executive, for travel paid for by an entity other than Snohomish County, thus making those activities reportable on the F-1 report. The citizen action letter also included additional documentation provided by Becky Harper that was attached to complaint (**Exhibit #1a**)
- 1.2 The citizen action letter also alleged that Mr. Reardon concealed the identity of the sponsors of the trade missions when he failed to disclose entertainment and travel made in his official capacity as Snohomish County Executive, in violation of RCW 42.17.242.
- 1.3 The citizen action letter was filed with the Office of the Washington State Attorney General (AGO) and with the Snohomish County Prosecutors' Office in accordance with RCW 42.17.400.
- 1.4 On May 6, 2011, the AGO forwarded the complaint to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) for investigation.
- 1.5 Aaron Reardon was elected Snohomish County Executive in 2003, and took office in January of 2004. He was re-elected Snohomish County Executive in 2007, and took office in January of 2008, and is a candidate seeking re-election to that office in 2011.

Prior to that, Aaron Reardon served as a State Senator and State Representative from the 38th Legislative District.

- 1.6 On February 12, 2010, Mr. Reardon timely filed the F-1A Minor or No Change report for calendar year 2009. **(Exhibit #2)** The F-1A report filed by Mr. Reardon indicated he had reviewed the last complete F-1 report he filed on April 15, 2009, and that there was no change in his personal finances since that date. The F-1A report did not disclose any travel or entertainment as having been provided to Mr. Reardon during 2009.
- 1.7 On May 23, 2011, Mr. Reardon submitted a two-page letter in response to the citizen action letter filed by Ms. Harper. **(Exhibit #3)** Mr. Reardon stated that in 2005 he participated in a trade mission to the Paris Air Show led by the Governor, and all of the travel costs related to his participation in that mission were paid for directly by Snohomish County. He said in March of 2009, he was co-chair of a trade mission to the Middle East to promote investment and business expansion in the Pacific Northwest, and that part of his mission was to promote SeaTac Airport.
- 1.8 Mr. Reardon stated the trade mission was organized by the Trade Development Alliance (TDA) and the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, (GSCC). He said that Snohomish County pays a membership fee to the TDA, and that the TDA is a collaboration of cities and county governments, three port districts, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and local union leadership for the King, Pierce and Snohomish counties area.
- 1.9 Mr. Reardon stated the goals and mission of the TDA are to promote the trade interests of this region in domestic and international markets, and to promote this region as one of North America's premier international gateways and commercial centers. He said the sponsors and organizers of the 2009 trade mission to the Middle East, the TDA and GSCC, paid for all of his travel costs.
- 1.10 Mr. Reardon said there was never any attempt on his part to conceal who was paying for his travel expenses to the Middle East, and that he gave interviews in March of 2009 to The Seattle Times, The (Everett) Daily Herald, King 5 TV and other local radio stations "*detailing every aspect of the mission*" including the sponsors. In addition to the May 23, 2011, two-page response letter from Mr. Reardon, he included the following documents:
 - A copy of a March 10, 2009, Media Advisory issued from the Office of Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon;
 - A two-page letter dated April 20, 2011 from Aaron Reardon to PDC staff regarding a correction to previously filed F-1 reports;
 - An amended F-1A for calendar year 2009 filed on April 22, 2011; and
 - A one-page letter dated May 20, 2011, from Roger Neumaier, Snohomish County Finance Director.
- 1.11 The amended F-1A filed by Mr. Reardon on April 22, 2011, for calendar year 2009, disclosed two travel occasions as having been provided to Mr. Reardon during 2009. **(Exhibit #4)** The amended F-1A listed the following two additions:

- Travel and Entertainment for a March 4 -19, 2009, trade mission to the United Arab Emirates. Mr. Reardon listed the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce as the sponsor of the travel under the donor's name, and disclosed the value of the travel and entertainment provided to him totaling \$7,780, and the value of the travel as Code B; and
- Travel and Entertainment for a September 22-24, 2009, North American Strategic Infrastructure Leadership Forum in Washington, DC. Mr. Reardon listed CG/LA Infrastructure LLC, as the sponsor of the travel under the donor's name, and disclosed the value of the travel and entertainment provided to him as \$575, and the value of the travel as Code A.

Mr. Reardon indicated the travel and entertainment for the North American Strategic Infrastructure Leadership Forum were related to his position as a Sound Transit board member and Finance Chair. The omission was discovered by Mr. Reardon while reviewing his travel for 2009, and was not one of the allegations listed in the citizen action letter.

- 1.12 A two-page cover letter from Mr. Reardon dated April 20, 2011, accompanied the amended F-1 stating that the purpose of the letter was to describe the corrections made to his previously filed F-1 reports. **(Exhibit #5)** He said Snohomish County officials have participated in several trade missions in the past as a member of the TDA, and those missions were billed from the TDA directly to Snohomish County and then paid for by the county. He said since those activities were paid directly by the county, they were exempt from disclosure on his F1 reports.
- 1.13 Mr. Reardon stated that in March of 2009, he went on a trade mission to the Middle East to promote SeaTac Airport for future business expansion. He went on to state the following about the 2009 trade mission:
- “The 2009 mission was atypical in that the mission was paid for directly by the TDA and Chamber without any billing or request for reimbursement by Snohomish County. As a result, it was inadvertently treated as previous missions had been, and left off of the F-1A dated February 12, 2010.”**
- 1.14 Mr. Reardon attached a copy of a March 10, 2009, press release from his office as Snohomish County Executive entitled “Reardon works to land direct Etihad flight at Sea-Tac.” **(Exhibit #6)** The press release stated that while on a trade mission to the United Arab Emirates, Mr. Reardon “met with Etihad Airways officials to discuss a direct flight from Abu Dhabi to Sea-Tac International Airport. The press release talked about the airline agreeing to purchase \$8 billion in new aircraft from Boeing in 2004, and that in 2008, the airline signed an agreement to purchase 35 Boeing aircraft in the future, with options and purchase rights for additional aircrafts.
- 1.15 At the bottom of the page in the last paragraph, the press release from Mr. Reardon stated the following:

“Reardon currently is co-leading a trade mission sponsored by the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle and the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce to the United Arab Emirates. His costs have been paid in full by the sponsor organizations.”

- 1.16 Mr. Reardon stated, with regard to the remainder of the allegations related to other trade missions he participated in as Snohomish County Executive for calendar years 2005 through 2008, that those were billed from TDA directly to Snohomish County, and then paid for by the county. He stated the press release and interviews he conducted made it clear “...that every effort was made to make the public fully aware of my participation in the 2009 mission and who was responsible for funding that mission.”
- 1.17 Along with his response, Mr. Reardon included a one-page letter from Roger Neumaier, Snohomish County Finance Director, dated May 20, 2011. (**Exhibit #7**). Mr. Neumaier stated that Mr. Reardon participated in a trade mission with the Governor’s Office to the Paris Air Show, and all of those costs were paid for directly by Snohomish County. He went on to state the trade missions that were listed in the complaint in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, in which Mr. Reardon was involved, were all paid for by Snohomish County. He said TDA coordinates the trade missions and then TDA bills the county for the costs associated with the trade missions “for authorized County Council members and the County Executive.”
- 1.18 On May 31, 2011, Mr. Neumaier transmitted an e-mail with four attachments in response to PDC staff’s May 24, 2011 request that Snohomish County provide documentation and correspondence related to the entertainment and travel provided to Mr. Reardon and paid for by the county during calendar years 2005 through 2008. (**Exhibit #8**). The attached documents were broken down for travel undertaken by trip for each calendar year for Mr. Reardon, and the first-page for each calendar year was a worksheet created by the county which provided summary information about each of the payments or reimbursements, and which trip the expenses were associated with.
- 1.19 The documents included copies of warrants (checks) issued by Snohomish County paying for the travel, invoices, requests for reimbursements, and other documentation for the following trade missions:
- 2005 – Governor’s Trade Mission – Paris Air Show; TDA trade mission to Dublin and Belfast, Ireland;
 - 2006 – TDA trade mission to Melbourne, Australia;
 - 2008 – TDA trade mission to Helsinki, Finland; TDA trade mission to China/Bohai Region.
- 1.20 Mr. Reardon participated in each of the five trade missions listed above. The documents listed below and provided by Snohomish County included the following for each of the missions:

Trip #1: 2005 Paris Air Show:

- A June 2, 2005, warrant made out to Bank of America totaling \$4,693.30 for payment of Mr. Reardon's credit card expenses related to his travel to Paris;
- A July 7, 2005, warrant made out to Bank of America totaling \$3,648.65 for payment of Mr. Reardon's credit card expenses related to his travel to Paris;
- An August 4, 2005, warrant made out to Bank of America totaling \$5,542.62 for payment of Mr. Reardon's credit card expenses related to his travel to Paris.
- A copy of printouts from Orbitz travel for the 2005 Paris Air Show.
- Copies of Mr. Reardon's Bank of America Business Card Statements submitted to Snohomish County for payment; and
- Copies of Snohomish County Travel and Business Expense Authorization forms and a Snohomish County Invoice and Purchase Order for Aaron Reardon.

Trip #2: 2005 Dublin and Belfast trade mission:

- A February 3, 2005, warrant made out to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce totaling \$5,751 as payment for Mr. Reardon to attend an International Study Mission in Ireland;
- An April 7, 2005, warrant made out to Bank of America totaling \$941.59 for payment of Mr. Reardon's credit card expenses related to his travel to Ireland;
- Copies of Mr. Reardon's Bank of America Business Card Statements submitted to Snohomish County for payment;
- A copy of an Accounts Receivable payment application and invoice from the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce sent to Mr. Reardon and Snohomish County, and an application form for the International Study Mission and related information; and
- Copies of Snohomish County Travel and Business Expense Authorization forms and a Snohomish County Invoice and Purchase Order for Aaron Reardon in 2005.

Trip #3: 2006 Australia trade mission:

- A February 2, 2006, warrant made out to the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle totaling \$10,190 as payment for Mr. Reardon and Dave Somers, Snohomish County Council member to attend a trade mission in Australia;

- A March 1, 2006, warrant made out to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce totaling \$259 as payment for Mr. Reardon to attend a trade mission in Australia;
- Copies of Snohomish County Travel and Business Expense Authorization forms, an Employee Reimbursement Authorization form, and Snohomish County Invoices and Purchase Order for Aaron Reardon in 2006; and
- A printout of documents listing the travel itinerary and a copy of the draft itinerary of the trade mission to Australia.

Trip #4: May, 2008 Finland trade mission:

In 2008, Snohomish County processed transactions for the two trade missions using the county's purchase card, and all costs associated with the trade missions were paid by direct deposit, with no check or warrant being generated. Some of the documentation provided for the International Study Mission to Finland was completed in 2007, and those documents were included under calendar year 2007 by Snohomish County, though no trade missions were undertaken by Mr. Reardon in that year.

The documentation provided for the two trade missions included the following:

- Copies of Snohomish County computer invoices for trade mission travel expenditures made using the Snohomish County Executive Purchase Card (P-card);
- Copies of Wells Fargo Commercial Card Expense Reporting invoices for the Snohomish County Executive's Office for travel expenditures;
- Invoices for Aaron Reardon related to the Finland Trade Mission;
- A printout of documents listing the travel itinerary and a copy of the draft itinerary of the trade mission to Finland;
- Miscellaneous e-mails and other documentation related to the Finland Trade Mission.

Trip #5: September, 2008 China trade mission:

- Copies of Snohomish County computer invoices for trade mission travel expenditures made using the Snohomish County Executive P-card, and Snohomish County Travel and Business Expense Authorization form;
- Copies of Wells Fargo Commercial Card Expense Reporting invoices for the Snohomish County Executive's Office for travel expenditures;
- Invoices for Aaron Reardon related to the China Trade Mission;
- Invoice from TDA related to the China Trade Mission;

- A printout of documents listing the travel itinerary, a copy of the draft itinerary of the trade mission to China, a copy of a delegate registration form, and a copy of a travel confirmation form.

II. Scope

- 2.1 Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff reviewed the 45-day citizen action letter filed by Becky Harper.
- 2.2 PDC staff reviewed the initial response submitted on May 20, 2011, by Aaron Reardon.
- 2.3 PDC staff reviewed the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) filed by Aaron Reardon for calendar years 2005 through 2010.
- 2.4 PDC staff reviewed the e-mail and attached documentation provided by Robert Neumaier, Snohomish County Finance Director on May 31, 2011.

III. Statutes & Laws

- 3.1 **RCW 42.17.241(1)(m)** lists the contents of the annual F-1 or F-1A report to include the following information:

“A list of each occasion, specifying date, donor, and amount, at which items specified in RCW 42.52.010(10) (d) and (f) were accepted.”

- 3.2 **RCW 42.17.242** prohibits an elected official from concealing the identity of source of payments when filing the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1), as follows:

“No payment shall be made to any person required to report under RCW 42.17.240 and no payment shall be accepted by any such person, directly or indirectly, in a fictitious name, anonymously, or by one person through an agent, relative, or other person in such a manner as to conceal the identity of the source of the payment or in any other manner so as to effect concealment except that the commission may issue categorical and specific exemptions to the reporting of the actual source when there is an undisclosed principal for recognized legitimate business purposes.”

- 3.3 **RCW 42.52.010** defines those reportable occasions as follows:

“(d) Payments by a governmental or nongovernmental entity of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with a speech, presentation, appearance, or trade mission made in an official capacity. As used in this subsection, "reasonable expenses" are limited to travel, lodging, and subsistence expenses incurred the day before through the day after the event;

(e) Items a state officer or state employee is authorized by law to accept;

(f) Payment of enrollment and course fees and reasonable travel expenses attributable to attending seminars and educational programs sponsored by a bona fide governmental or nonprofit professional, educational, trade, or charitable association or institution. As used in this subsection, "reasonable expenses" are limited to travel, lodging, and subsistence expenses incurred the day before through the day after the event..."

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of June, 2011.


Kurt Young
Compliance Officer

List of Exhibits

- Exhibit #1** May 4, 2011, Citizen Action Letter filed by Becky Harper against Aaron Reardon.
- Exhibit #1a** Additional documentation provided by Becky Harper attached to complaint.
- Exhibit #2** F-1A Minor or No Change report filed by Aaron Reardon for calendar year 2009, on February 12, 2010.
- Exhibit #3** May 20, 2011, response letter from Aaron Reardon.
- Exhibit #4** Amended F-1A reports filed by Aaron Reardon on April 20 and April 22, 2011, for calendar year 2009.
- Exhibit #5** Two-page cover letter from Aaron Reardon dated April 20, 2011, and one-page cover letter dated April 22, 2011, that was submitted along with the amended F-1A reports for 2009.
- Exhibit #6** March 10, 2009, press release from the Snohomish County Executive entitled "Reardon works to land direct Etihad flight at Sea-Tac."
- Exhibit #7** One-page letter from Roger Neumaier, Snohomish County Finance Director dated May 20, 2011.
- Exhibit #8** E-mail from Roger Neumaier, Snohomish County Finance Director dated May 31, 2011, with four attachments in response to a request from PDC staff for additional information. NOTE – the documentation provided by Snohomish County is detailed in this Report of Investigation, Section 1.20, but not included as an exhibit. The entire documentation is in the investigative file.

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RE: PDC Complaint

Dear Mr. McKenna,

Enclosed please find the complaint that was filed with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission against Snohomish County Executive, Aaron Reardon.

The complaint is self-explanatory, but simply put, Mr. Reardon has taken many trips around the world in the way of junkets at the expense of lobbyists and special interests who have business before his office. These gifts have never been reported as required by law.

I believe it is essential that citizens are aware of any possible special influence that interest groups have on our county executive. The fact that he never reported them concerns me.

The way I read the rules, Mr. Reardon should be fined \$10 per day for every day he has not reported these gifts from lobbyists. There are so many trips, and the secrecy started so many years ago, that Reardon's fines could easily exceed \$100,000 so you can see that this is not a small matter.

Thanks for looking into this.

**45 Day Letter Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission.
Attorney General Rob McKenna and Snohomish County Prosecutor Mark Roe
Relating to an Elected Official pursuant to RCW 42.17.400(4)**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or belief.

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Name of Candidate: Aaron Reardon

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Candidate's City: Everett State: Washington Zip Code: 98208

Candidate's Telephone: (425) 339-2332

Candidate's E-Mail: aaronreardon@yahoo.com

Your Signature: _____

Becky Harper

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Date Signed: April 18, 2011

Place Signed (City and County): Snohomish, Snohomish County

Complaint:

It has come to my attention that Aaron Reardon may have violated RCW 42.17.242 and RCW 42.17.241(1) (l-m) which states in relevant part:

RCW 42.17.242

Concealing identity of source of payment prohibited-Exception. (Effective until January 1, 2012. Recodified as RCW 42.17A.715.)

No payment shall be made to any person required to report under RCW 42.17.240 and no payment shall be accepted by any such person directly or indirectly, in a fictitious name, anonymously, or by one person through an agent, relative, or other person in such a manner as to conceal the identity of the source of the payment or in any other manner so as to effect concealment except that the commission may issue categorical and specific exemptions to the reporting of the actual source when there is an undisclosed principal for recognized legitimate business purposes.

RCW 42.17.241

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(1)The statement of financial affairs required by RCW 42.17.240 shall disclose for the reporting individual and each member of his or her immediate family:

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(l) A list of each occasion, specifying date, donor, and amount, at which food and beverage in excess of fifty dollars was accepted under RCW 42.52.150(5):

and

(m) A list of each occasion, specifying date, donor, and amount, at which items specified in RCW 42.52.010(10) (d) and (l) were accepted:

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In 2009, press accounts (attached) reported that Mr. Reardon travelled to the United Arab Emirates on a trade mission sponsored by the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle and the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce to the United Arab Emirates. His costs were reportedly "paid in full by the sponsor organizations". His F1 report for 2009 fails to report this trip, who paid for it, or how much it cost. Upon further information and belief, Mr. Reardon was taking the place of an agent of the Master Builders Association and/or one of its members, for this particular trip. In effect, the original source of the payment for his international trip may have been concealed. A list of the "sponsors" of this trip provided by the alliance is attached and includes the Master Builders Association.

In 2008, Mr. Reardon travelled to China, again with the Seattle Trade Alliance (see attached press report). No mention of the trip or who paid for his expenses was made in his 2008 F1.

In 2007, Mr. Reardon travelled to Finland and Estonia, again with the Seattle Trade Alliance (see attached press report). No mention of the trip or who paid for his expenses was made on his 2007 F1.

In 2006, Mr. Reardon travelled to Australia and New Zealand, it is unclear if Snohomish County taxpayers footed the bill but if not this the actual sponsor of the trip was not paid for nor were the costs. (see attached press accounts).

In 2005, Mr. Reardon travelled to France, Germany and Ireland (see attached press release from Mr. Reardon's office and 2009 a Seattle Times article). No mention of the travel or its costs were included in his 2005 F1.

If the taxpayers of Snohomish County bore the expense of the pre-2009 trips then Mr. Reardon is not in violation of 42.17.241 (l) (l-m), but given his failure to report the 2009 trip this matter should be investigated and an independent agency should make the determination.

At a minimum, Mr. Reardon should be fined \$4250 for his 2009 violation pursuant to RCW 42.17.390 which provided for a \$10 per day fine for incomplete reports filed. This is not Mr. Reardon's first violation: he was fined for failing to timely file his F1 in 2005.

This complaint is a "45 day Letter" being concurrently filed with the Attorney General and Snohomish County Prosecutor pursuant to RCW 42.17.100(4).

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Snohomish County Council members question Middle East trade visit

By Lynn Thompson
Times Snohomish County reporter

Regional officials herald the upcoming 10-day trade mission to Abu Dhabi and Dubai as an opportunity to network with one of the world's richest and fastest growing economies.



Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, who will lead the 85-member delegation, says the United Arab Emirates is already a major aerospace customer and could expand its investments in the Pacific Northwest.

But the trip, which departs Wednesday for the Middle East, isn't playing well with Snohomish County Council members who question whether Reardon should be jetting around the world just two months after the county laid off 160 employees and may have to cut more jobs by June.

"I'm not saying we shouldn't be involved in trade, but when we may have to make midyear layoffs, it's ridiculous," said County Councilman Mike Cooper.

Reardon stressed that as the trip leader, his costs are paid for by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. And Reardon isn't the only elected official participating.

Snohomish County Councilman Dave Gossett is also going on a fully paid scholarship. The city of Seattle will pay for council members Jan Drago and Richard McIver, who recently announced he would not seek re-election this year. The Port of Seattle is sending Commissioner John Creighton. The cost per person, including airfare, is about \$8,000, said Sam Kaplan, vice president of the Trade and Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, which plans the yearly trade and study missions around the world in conjunction with the chamber.

Reardon went to Ireland in 2005, Australia in 2006, Finland in 2007 and China in 2008. He said that with 30,000 Boeing employees in the county, his participation in trade missions is vital.

"My county is the aerospace-manufacturing capital of the world and I'm the senior regional elected leader," Reardon said.

Kaplan said there are compelling reasons for elected officials to participate in trade missions. Three of the top employers in the Pacific Northwest — Boeing, Microsoft and Paccar — do at least 50 percent of their business overseas.

Boeing also does business with Dubai-based Emirates Airlines, and Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, in July ordered 45 777s and 787s with options for 35 more.

Kaplan said the United Arab Emirates is looking for ways to diversify its economy. Abu Dhabi alone has a \$300 billion fund for world investment, Kaplan said.

"In tough economic times, international partners are more important than ever," he said.

But back at home, the Snohomish County Council and Reardon still haven't negotiated voluntary staff furloughs that could avert further layoffs. Only the union representing employees in the County Clerk's Office, and the County Council staff itself, have approved up to 80 hours of voluntary leave this year.

Nine vacant positions in the clerk's office weren't filled to help close the county's \$21 million budget shortfall.

Councilman Dave Somers in December sent Reardon's staff a breakdown of the council's financial projections and estimated that 30 positions could be

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saved if the county's unions agreed to voluntary furloughs.

"We haven't heard back," said Somers. "I am very concerned about the lack of progress of discussions."

Councilman Gossett said he was a last-minute addition to the Dubai trip and only accepted because taxpayers wouldn't be footing the bill. He noted that the council eliminated all international travel from the 2009 budget.

"You could make a case that these trade missions are more valuable than ever," Gossett said.

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Seattle Times researcher Gene Balk contributed to this report.

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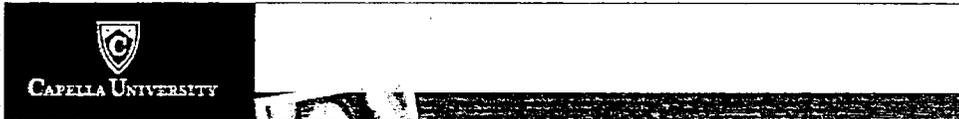
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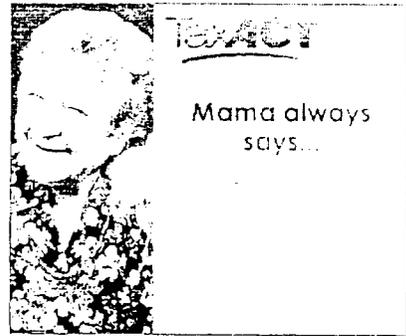


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County Executive's Office

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

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At the Paris Air Show, a very good day for Snohomish County and The Boeing Co.

*Governor Gregoire and Executive Reardon meet with 787 subcontractors;
Boeing announces billions in sales, says Everett's 767 line likely to remain
open, cites growing interest in bigger 747*

LE BOURGET, France – Snohomish County is the aerospace center of the world.

That's the message Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire and Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon are delivering in a series of high-level meetings with key subcontractors of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, which will be built at the aerospace company's Everett manufacturing facility.

Governor Gregoire and Executive Reardon urged top officials of Rolls Royce Group PLC and Le Groupe SAFRAN SA to locate their operations at Paine Field, joining Boeing and other world-class suppliers who benefit from state-of-the-art training facilities, highly skilled employees and a good business climate.

"Paine Field is already an aerospace center of excellence," Executive Reardon said after the meetings. "But we can take nothing for granted. Our job here it to clearly state our case that Snohomish County and Washington State can meet the needs of Boeing 787 subcontractors looking for manufacturing sites."

Rolls Royce, a British company, will build engines for the 787; SAFRAN, Europe's third largest aerospace group, through its subsidiary Messier/Dowty, will build the main and nose landing gear structure for the Dreamliner.

Governor Gregoire and Executive Reardon, who were joined at the meetings by Washington State Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, D-Spokane, got commitments from at least two subcontractors to visit Washington state, Snohomish County and Spokane over the next three months.

Trade mission delegates also met with several companies that already have operations in Washington state: Lynnwood-based Eldec, a subsidiary of Crane Aerospace and Electronics; Smiths, a British specialty engineering firm doing business in Yakima County; and, Zodiac, an aerospace manufacturing and technology firm with a subsidiary in Arlington.

“It was clear to me that the CEOs of these companies appreciated that these were personal visits by high-ranking state and local officials,” Executive Reardon said. “They are aware of the reputation of both Snohomish County and Washington state. These were very encouraging conversations.”

Executive Reardon said one aspect of the meetings that surprised him was the emphasis company CEOs put on the need for a top education and workforce development system. The County Executive credited the state Legislature for appropriating \$500,000 to study the need for a four-year university in Snohomish County, a polytechnic that might specialize in engineering and the sciences.

Meanwhile, Executive Reardon said he is encouraged by a string of positive Boeing announcements at the Paris Airshow that directly impacts its Everett manufacturing operations, including:

- Boeing Commercial Airplanes’ CEO Alan Mulally’s observation that the world’s airlines are showing renewed interest in the 767, meaning the company will not have to decide on closing the line this year;
- Mulally’s comment that there is growing interest from airlines in both the freighter and passenger versions of the 747 Advanced, which could replace the existing 747-400 as early as 2008;
- The announcement of a \$4.6 billion order for 20 777s by Qatar Airways; and,
- The announcement that Boeing is selling about \$4 billion worth of new airplanes to two companies that lease jets to airlines. GE Commercial Aviation Services, a unit of General Electric, said it has agreed to buy 20 737 aircraft from Boeing worth \$1.1 billion. International Lease Finance Corp. also announced it has placed a firm order for 20 737-700s/800s, six 777-300 Extended Range planes and two 777-200 Extended Range aircraft, together valued at nearly \$2.9 billion.

The 747, the 767 and the 777 are all built at Boeing's Everett manufacturing facility at Paine Field.

"This has been a very good day for Boeing at the Paris Air Show and, by extension, it has been a good day for Snohomish County," Executive Reardon said. "The buzz here in France is about the success of the 787. But news surrounding the 747, the 767 and the 777 lines is welcome, too. This is how we intend to maintain our aerospace center of excellence."

The Washington state trade delegation, including Governor Gregoire and Executive Reardon, met today with Mulally Tuesday to discuss additional ways the state and Snohomish County can convince subcontractors to locate here. The delegation will also meet with other suppliers.

Deborah Knutson, President of the Snohomish County Economic Development Council, is part of the state trade delegation. The delegation was late Tuesday to Frankfurt and Mainz, Germany, where it will meet with biomedical and biotech companies.

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Gregoire Heading Down Under For Trade Mission

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By Associated Press

April 10, 2006

OLYMPIA - Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire is heading Down Under for her next trade mission.

She's hoping to drum up tourism and business investment in Australia and New Zealand. She'll be pushing for more Boeing airplane sales, broader cooperation in the biotechnology field and stronger sales for Washington's agricultural products. The trip is set for May 8-12.

She has a bit of family fun planned, too. She and husband Mike will meet up with their daughter, Michelle, who's attending a college semester abroad in New Zealand.

It's believed to be the first Australian trade mission by a Washington governor, said Brent Heinemann, the governor's director of international trade and protocol.

Last year, Gregoire became the first Washington governor to lead a full trade mission to Europe. Previously, Washington chief executives have emphasized trade links with Asia, Canada and Mexico.

Gregoire also visited China and Japan last September. She hosts China's President Hu Jintao in Seattle next week, and will lead a

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trade delegation to Korea and Taiwan in October.

Gregoire said she's enthused about the trip to Australia and New Zealand, both potentially major trading partners. Also, the two countries are at the forefront in the life sciences and early learning, both passions of hers, she said in an interview.

Gregoire recently met with Anna Bligh, deputy premier of the Australian state of Queensland, at the University of Washington to lay the groundwork for an agreement to work together on life sciences, information technology and aviation. They will sign a formal pact in Brisbane with Premier Peter Beattie when Gregoire visits.

The plan is to link companies, research organizations, universities, and government agencies in the two states to promote the industry and commercial applications.

Joint research and exchanges of business leaders, researchers, grad students and industry experts are expected.

The trade mission, described by Heinemann as a whirlwind of "five days, five cities," begins May 8 in Sydney with a tourism promotion event and a fresh cherry promotion.

The following day, it's Brisbane and life sciences events and a meeting with the premier of Queensland. On May 10, the trade mission joins a much larger delegation from the Puget Sound area in Melbourne.

The Greater Seattle International Study Mission includes Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, state House Appropriations Chairwoman Helen Sommers, Seattle Port Director Mic Dinsmore, Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg,

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Seattle City Council President Nick Licata and other government officials.

Representatives of Microsoft Corp., Boeing Co., The Seattle Times, the University of Washington, trade and port groups and others will be in Melbourne and Victoria from May 4-13.

As part of her day in Melbourne, Gregoire plans to meet with Victoria Premier Steve Bracks and to pitch Boeing jetliner sales to Margaret Jackson, chairwoman of Qantas Airlines.

Australia's flagship carrier announced in December that it will buy as many as 115 new 787 jets in a deal that may be worth almost \$15 billion.

On May 11, Gregoire's party moves on to Canberra, where meetings are scheduled with Australia's agriculture and trade ministers. Gregoire hopes to remove some barriers to fruit imports from Washington and seeks ways to promote trade and tourism, said trade Director Juli Wilkerson.

The visit to New Zealand includes meetings with Prime Minister Helen Clark and the trade minister, as well as Washington forestry company officials with operations in New Zealand.

The Gregoires will stay on for an additional five days to spend time with their daughter, who is studying environmental science at the University of Auckland.

The delegation also includes Wilkerson, Agriculture Director Valoria Loveland and other state officials, agribusiness leaders and university and biomedical research representatives.

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The trip costs an estimated \$4,000 per person, with agencies paying their participants' way. The Gregoires are paying for their family expenses.

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THE SNOHOMISH VALLEY REPORTER

Direct Etihad flight at Sea-Tac

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

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CERTIFICATION: I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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RE: Response to May 11 request for information

Dear Mr. Stutzman:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter of May 11 in which you requested information responding to allegations made by Becky Harper (complaint to the PDC dated May 4, 2011).

In her complaint letter to the PDC, Ms. Harper alleges improper reporting of trade missions I participated in on behalf of Snohomish County from 2005-2009. She states that the source of payment for these trips may have been concealed and further alleges "many trips around the world in the way of junkets at the expense of lobbyists and special interests who have business before his [Reardon's] office."

With the facts contained in this response, I hope you will see that these allegations are false and that there was never any attempt to conceal any details of the trips cited by Ms. Harper. Roger Neumaier, the County Finance Director, is also submitting a letter to you corroborating the facts contained in this response.

In 2005, I participated in a trade mission led by the Governor to the Paris Air Show. The mission resulted in the successful recruitment of aerospace companies to locate in Snohomish County. All travel costs related to my participation in the mission were paid for directly by Snohomish County and therefore the mission should not be included on my personal financial affairs statement for that year.

The remainder of Ms. Harper's allegations relate to trade missions I have participated in as a part of the County's membership in the Trade Development Alliance (TDA) to promote increased international investment and business growth in our region.

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As described in my letter to the PDC on April 20, every trade missions was billed by the TDA and paid directly by Snohomish County through 2008. These missions were therefore exempt from listing on personal financial affairs statements. This includes the trade missions identified by Ms. Harper from 2005, 2006 and 2008; as well as the mission misidentified by Ms. Harper as from 2007.

In March of 2009, I participated as co-chair of a trade mission to the Middle East to promote the Pacific Northwest for future investment and business expansion. This mission was organized by the TDA and the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce. As co-chair of the mission, unlike with my participation in previous trade missions, its organizers paid for all travel costs associated with my participation. The fact that the 2009 mission was paid for directly by the TDA and Chamber without any billing or request for reimbursement by Snohomish County made it atypical. As a result, it was inadvertently treated as previous missions had been, and left off of the form F1-A dated February 12, 2010. This omission was corrected with my letter of April 20.

As I stated in my previous letter to the PDC, the purpose of the financial affairs statement is to make the personal and business finances of elected officials available for public review. As co-chair of the 2009 mission, my participation, its intent and its sponsors were all publicly disclosed and discussed in local media outlets.

Contrary to Ms. Harper's allegations, there was never any attempt whatsoever to conceal the nature of the 2009 trade mission or who was paying for travel expenses. I personally participated in interviews detailing every aspect of the mission in March of 2009 with the *Seattle Times*, *The Daily Herald*, King 5 TV and local radio stations. In addition, attached is a copy of a press release distributed by my office on March 10, 2009 detailing my participation in the mission and that the sponsor organizations – identified as the TDA and Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce – paid all costs of the mission. You will note that the complainant cites the many public media references to the trade mission as the evidence for her allegation that there was an intentional effort made to conceal my participation in the trade mission and who funded the travel costs.

It is clear from these facts that every effort was made to make the public fully aware of my participation in the 2009 mission and who was responsible for funding that mission. I believe this clearly shows me to have met the intent of the disclosure required as a part of the personal financial affairs statement. In addition, immediately upon it coming to my attention that the mission should also have been listed on the F1-A form, I submitted a corrected form to the PDC on April 20.

I appreciate your consideration of these facts. Please contact me if you need additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

May 20, 2011

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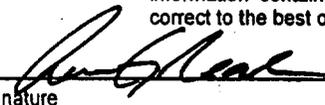
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RE: Corrected F-1A

Dear Mr. Perkins:

This letter is sent per direction in the Personal Financial Affairs Statement Instruction Manual dated January 2011 relating to submitting corrections to Personal Financial Affairs Statements.

The purpose of this letter is to submit the attached correction to the F-1A for Aaron Reardon dated received by the PDC February 12, 2010.

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This trade mission was organized by the Trade Development Alliance (of which Snohomish County is a member), and the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce. As co-chair of the mission, its organizers paid for the costs of travel for my participation.

Snohomish County officials have participated in several successful trade missions in the past as part of the County's membership with the TDA. Typically, such trade missions are billed by the TDA and paid directly by Snohomish County and are therefore exempt from listing on a personal F-1. The 2009 mission was atypical in that the mission was paid for directly by the TDA and Chamber without any billing or request for reimbursement by Snohomish County. As a result, it was inadvertently treated as previous missions had been, and left off of the F-1A dated February 12, 2010.

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I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,



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On April 20, after becoming aware of an inadvertent omission from the February 12, 2010 F-1A, a call was placed to PDC Filer Assistance Specialist Chip Beatty to clarify F-1 reporting requirements. Pursuant to the clarification given by Mr. Beatty, attached to this letter are corrections to the forms listed above.

Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

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Media Advisory – March 10, 2009**Contact: Christopher Schwarzen****Office: 425-388-3883****Email: Christopher.Schwarzen@snoco.org****Reardon works to land direct Etihad flight at Sea-Tac***Work with fastest growing commercial airline builds on Boeing relationship*

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Dear Mr. Stutzman:

I am in receipt of a complaint to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging that Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon participated in trade missions in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, and has acted to conceal who paid for travel costs associated with these missions.

Per instructions by the PDC, travel costs must be reported on the personal financial affairs statement if they were paid for by "a source other than your own governmental agency."

In 2005, Executive Reardon participated in a Governor's Office led trade mission to the Paris Air Show. His participation was paid for directly by Snohomish County and therefore should not be included in his personal financial affairs statement for that year.

The remainder of the missions listed in the complaint relate to activities with the Trade Development Alliance (TDA). Historically, the TDA coordinates these group missions and bills the County directly for the Snohomish County participant package cost that the TDA incurs for these missions. For 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, the County paid the TDA billed package costs associated with the TDA trade missions for authorized County Council members and the County Executive. The TDA records confirm that the County Executive did go on missions in 2005, 2006, and 2008 under this construct. Mr. Reardon did not go on a TDA mission in 2007. The TDA trade mission listed in the complaint as occurring in 2007 actually took place in 2008 and was paid for by Snohomish County as described above. These missions should not be included in the personal financial affairs statements for those years as they were paid for by Snohomish County, Mr. Reardon's governmental agency.

The 2009 TDA trade mission was different than these other missions in that it was not paid for by Snohomish County due to County budgetary restrictions in 2009. I understand Executive Reardon included this mission on his personal financial affairs statement via letter dated April 20.

If you have any questions or if I can be of additional assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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To: Kurt Young
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Subject: PDC Information Request Response
Attachments: Travel 2005.pdf; Travel 2006.pdf; Travel 2007.pdf; Travel 2008.pdf

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Mr. Young,

Attached to this email are four PDF files (organized by year of payment) which include information responding to your request of May 24th and detailing the expenditures for the trips referenced in the Public Disclosure Commission request to Mr. Reardon of May 11, 2011.

The first is a worksheet that includes summary information about each of the payments and invoices. This worksheet addresses which trip the expense is associated with:

1. 2005 – Governor's Trade Mission – Paris Air Show
2. 2005 – TDA Dublin and Belfast
3. 2006 – TDA Melbourne Australia
4. 2008 – TDA Helsinki
5. 2008 – TDA China/Bohai Region

In addition to this worksheet, copies of individual invoices or request for reimbursement and the actual checks paying for the expenditures are included. I believe this fully responds to your request.

2005 Travel

Batch #	Vendor # & Warrant #	Reconcile		Amount	Description	Box Bar	Box Bar Code	Trip #
		Date	Label AP			Label Reconciled	Batch	
170251	00337 1189802	6/7/2005		\$ 62.84	Washington DC/Paris Booking Fee Reardon	0048810	0047667	1
171886	00337 1197225	7/12/2005		\$ 2,896.06	Paris Air Show	0048813	0047668	1
173010	00337 1202634	8/9/2005		\$ 617.31	Paris Trade Mission Hotel Charges/Fees/Parking	0048815	0047669	1
167771	00337 1178472	4/11/2005		\$ 500.00	Air Travel Belfast Reardon	0048804	0047662	2
165172	01293 1165831	2/8/2005		\$ 2,875.50	A.REARDON BELFAST TRADE MISSION 5/12- 5/31/05	0048799	0047664	2

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2006 Travel

Batch #	Vendor # & Warrant #	Reconcile Date	Amount	Description	Box Bar	Box Bar Code	Trip #
					Label AP Batch	Label Reconciled Warrants	
184418	00337 1263483	5/5/2006	\$ 259.00	70938 AUSTRALIA 2006	0048843	0048761	3
180856	03087 1245314	2/8/2006	\$ 10,190.00	05/04 - 05/13/06 TRADE MISSION AUSTRALIA, REARDON & SOMERS	0047711	0048758	3
190321	25793 1293624	10/6/2006	\$ 1,290.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRADE MISSION TO AUSTRALIA - AMY FROM EXEC	0048857	0048766	3

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2007 Travel

Batch #	Vendor # & Warrant #	Reconcile Date	Amount	Description	Box Bar Code Label AP Batch	Box Bar Code Label Reconciled Warrants	Trip #
208677	03087 1395100	1/7/2008	\$ 5,805.00	INTERNATIONAL STUDY MISSION HELSINKI, FINLAND,	0049833	0047697	4

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2008 Travel

Vendor #	Vendor	Invoice # & Invoice Date	Invoice Date	Reconcile Date	Warrant #	Batch #	Amount	Description	Bar Code AP Batch	Bar Code Reconciled Warrants	Trip #
37249	WELLS FARGO P CARD (EXEC)	508013 05/31/08	39599	<Null>	80001706	215485	60.01	CROWNE PLAZA HELSINKI Hotel to airport transportation	0049854	0043928	4
37249	WELLS FARGO P CARD (EXEC)	508007 05/31/08	39599	<Null>	80001706	215485	136.77	CROWNE PLAZA HELSINKI Airport to hotel transportation	0049854	0043928	4
37249	WELLS FARGO P CARD (EXEC)	608006 06/30/08	39629	<Null>	80001753	216462	3700	TRADE DEVELOPMENT ALLIANC TDA mission to China Sept. 200	0049857	0043928	5
37249	WELLS FARGO P CARD (EXEC)	408002 04/30/08	39568	<Null>	80001652	215599	2500	TRADE DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE 2008 FALL TRIP TO CHINA AGR	049855	0043928	5

*Transactions above were processed with the county's purchase card and paid by direct deposit. No check was generated.

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