



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Dennis Forhart
23016 64th Avenue SW
Vashon WA 98070

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Dennis Forhart

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 13-118

Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law, and
Order Imposing Fine

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held August 1, 2013, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated: (1) RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file the Candidate Registration (C-1 report), which was due to be filed within two weeks of the Respondent declaring his candidacy; and (2) RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) covering the 12 months preceding the date the Respondent became a candidate for election in 2013.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. A brief enforcement hearing notice was sent to Dennis Forhart on July 18, 2013. Commission Chair Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent provided written materials that were presented to the Presiding Officer at the hearing.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a candidate for Port Commissioner for King County Airport District No. 1 in 2013.
2. As a candidate, the Respondent was required to file an F-1 report and C-1 report within two weeks of the date the Respondent filed a declaration of candidacy, or no later than May 31, 2013.
3. The Respondent filed the missing C-1 and F-1 reports on July 29, 2013, prior to the date of the hearing.

4. The Respondent has one prior violation in PDC Case No. 12-117. He completed a Statement of Understanding for violating RCW 42.17.040 by failing to timely file a C-1 report as a candidate in the 2011 election, and paid a \$100 penalty.
5. The Respondent submitted a signed a Statement of Understanding acknowledging that he failed to timely file the C-1 and F-1 reports. He also filed the missing reports and submitted a check for \$200 on July 31, 2013, one day before the hearing.
6. The Respondent submitted written materials suggesting that the State of Washington should accept electronic signatures for forms instead of requiring original signatures on signature authorization cards.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Statement of Understanding and \$200 penalty are accepted.
3. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file the C-1 report, and RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file the F-1 report, which were both due to be filed no later than May 31, 2013.

ORDER

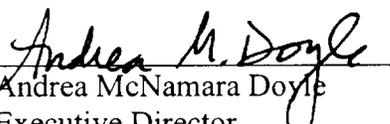
ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$200 in accordance with the penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-165.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 15 day of August, 2013.

Public Disclosure Commission


Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

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I, Jack Berkay, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent(s) at his/her/its respective address, postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein.

Signed



Date

8/15/13