

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
2 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

3 IN RE THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT
4 ACTION AGAINST

PDC CASE NO. 13-297

FINAL ORDER

(Order Upholding Initial Order)

5 Melony Pederson

6 Respondent.
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8 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission on
9 September 26, 2013 at the PDC office, Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol
10 Way, Olympia, Washington. The Respondent, Melony Pederson, requested a review of the
11 initial order of a brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) in this matter. The
12 review hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter
13 390-37 WAC.

14 Those present included Amit Ranade, Commission Chair; Grant Degginger,
15 Commission Vice-Chair; and Kathy Turner, Member. Present were Phil Stutzman, PDC
16 Director of Compliance on behalf of the PDC Staff; PDC Executive Director Andrea
17 McNamara Doyle; Nancy Krier, General Counsel for the Commission; and PDC staff member
18 Nancy Coverdale as recorder/reporter of the proceedings. The Respondent represented herself
19 and participated at the hearing by telephone. The proceeding was open to the public and
20 recorded.

21 **I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

22 The matter involved the allegation that Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by
23 failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) as a candidate for City
24 Councilmember in the City of Sumner in 2013.
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1 A brief hearing was held on August 1, 2013. An initial order was entered August 13,
2 2013, making Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and assessing a \$100 civil penalty for the
3 violation found in that hearing.

4 On September 5, 2013, Respondent contacted PDC staff and requested the Commission
5 review the \$100 penalty in the initial order. On September 17, 2013 Respondent also sent an
6 email to PDC staff requesting a review of the penalty.

7 Following consideration of the initial order, Respondent's request for review, Mr.
8 Stutzman's September 17, 2013 memorandum and testimony, and the Respondent's testimony,
9 the Commission voted unanimously to uphold the initial order as the final order.

10 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**

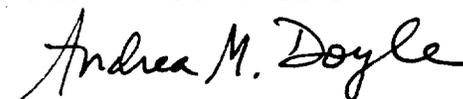
11 The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the initial order entered August
12 13, 2013 are upheld as the Final Order.

13 The Executive Director is authorized to enter this order on behalf of the Commission.

14 So ORDERED this 5th day of November, 2013.

15 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
16 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

17 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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19 ANDREA MCNAMARA DOYLE
20 Executive Director

21 *ATTACHMENTS*

- 22 (1) Initial Order
23 (2) Appeals and Enforcement of Final Orders

24 *Copy of this order to:*
25 Melony Pederson
26 418 Sumner Avenue
Sumner, WA 98390

1 I, Jacob Berkey, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent
2 at Respondent's respective address, postage prepaid, on the date stated herein.

3 Jacob Berkey
Signature

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Date

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Melony Pederson
418 Sumner Avenue
Sumner WA 98390

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Melony Pederson

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 13-297

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 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 Melony Pederson on July 18, 2013. Commission Chair Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent did not participate at the hearing or submit any written materials.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a candidate for City Councilmember in the City of Sumner in 2013.
2. As a candidate, the Respondent was required to file an F-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 F-1 report on July 22, 2013, prior to the date of the hearing.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

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 Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file the F-1 report, which was due to be filed no later than May 31, 2013.

ORDER

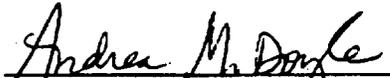
ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$100 in accordance with the penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-165, that is payable within 30 days of the date of this order.

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

Entered this 13 day of August, 2013.

Public Disclosure Commission

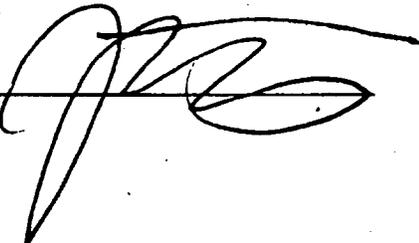


Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, Jacob Berkeley 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

8/13/13