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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Jose Ramirez
3980 Road 11 SW
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In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A Jose Ramirez Respondent.	PDC Case No. 13-308 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 Jose Ramirez on July 18, 2013. Commission Chair Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. On several occasions during the brief enforcement hearing, staff attempted unsuccessfully to contact the Respondent by telephone to participate in the hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a candidate for Hospital Commissioner in Grant County Hospital District No. 7 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 23, 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, due 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, of which $75 is suspended on the following conditions:

(1) Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within two years of the date of this order; and

(2) The $25 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date of this order.

If the Respondent fails to comply with any of these conditions, the suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further action by the Commission.

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

Entered this 15 day of August, 2013.

Public Disclosure Commission

Andrea M. Doyle

Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, Jaesto Berkley, 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