

## MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

<b>Name of Filer</b>	<b>BENSON D. WONG</b>
<b>Reporting Period</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate/Appointee report April 2012 to April 2013
<b>Type of Request</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with No Change <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with Change
<b>Office Held/Sought &amp; Term</b>	Candidate, City Council Member, City of Mercer Island Candidate, elected term would begin January 2014
<b>PDC Protocol</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney: Interpretation #02-03 <input type="checkbox"/> Judge / Judicial Candidate: Interpretation #02-04 <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile Dealership: Interpretation #02-05 <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal: Interpretation #02-06 <input type="checkbox"/> WAC
<b>Supporting Documents (attached)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current F-1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Prior order (if renewal)
<b>Background</b>	<p>Mr. Wong is a candidate for City Council for the City of Mercer Island. He filed his F-1 on April 22, 2013 which covered the reporting period of April 2012 through April 2013. Along with his F-1, he filed an F-1 Supplement for Keller Rohrback, LLP, a law firm with which he is a partner. He attached a list of the firm's reportable business clients for whom he has done legal work during the period.</p>
<b>Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Wong is requesting a reporting modification that would exempt him from disclosing the business customers that paid \$10,000 or more during the reporting period to Keller Rohrback LLP, a law firm.</li> <li>• Mr. Wong is an attorney with Keller Rohrback serving on its Executive Committee. He stated that his duties involve setting general policy and approving extraordinary contracts. Mr. Wong stated that his ownership interest in the firm is less than 10%.</li> <li>• Mr. Wong stated that he is not involved in the day-to-day operation of the firm and that as a partner in the firm he does not have access to reportable clients.</li> <li>• Keller Rohrback LLP is a mid-size law firm in Seattle. The firm has small branch offices in New York City and Santa Barbara, with an affiliated office in Phoenix.</li> <li>• Mr. Wong stated that disclosing the revenue of the firm would adversely affect the firm's competitive position in the legal community.</li> <li>• Mr. Wong stated that Keller Rohrback's clients number in the thousands. Specifically in the previous 12 months that the law firm has received payment from more than 1,100 clients.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keller Rohrback LLP has 118 employees consisting of support staff and lawyers in addition to 28 partners.</li><li>• Mr. Wong stated that the firm has approximately 150 reportable clients and that disclosing these clients would allow other firms to target these clients in a more strategic manner. In addition, Mr. Wong stated that he believes the clients themselves may suffer competitive disadvantage within their respective areas of business and industries.</li><li>• Mr. Wong stated that there were no payments made from the City of Mercer Island to Keller Rohrback LLP during the previous 12 months and no governmental customers/clients that paid \$10,000 or more.</li></ul>
<b>Staff Recommendations</b>	Approve the requested reporting modification.