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October 31, 2019

Delivered electronically to “michael.scott@kingcounty.gov”

Subject: Complaint filed by Anne Block, PDC Case 56572

Dear Michael Scott:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Anne Block concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Anne Block, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the complete and accurate disclosure of payments from government and business customers to entity in which an office, directorship, general partnership, or an ownership interest of ten percent or more is held. PDC staff expects timely requests for modification of reporting requirements, and full disclosure in accordance with PDC statutes and rules in the future.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2

/s

Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavalley
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Delivered electronically to “lifeisgood357@comcast.net”

Subject: Complaint regarding Michael Scott, PDC Case 56572

Dear Anne Block:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 22, 2019. The complaint alleged that Michael Scott (Respondent), a Superior Court Judge for King County, and a former City Council Member for the City of Bainbridge Island, may have violated RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to disclose a directorship with Full Life Care, and income from the American Civil Liberties Union, on Personal Financial Affairs Statements (F-1 reports).

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and the Order granting modification to the Respondent’s F-1 filing requirements, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- The Respondent served as a board member for ElderHealth Northwest, the predecessor organization for Full Life Care, from 1992 through 1998, and served in an advisory and emeritus position afterwards, without any authority or discretion over the organization’s affairs, and had not attended any meetings of the advisory board at any point in the last five years of the PDC’s statutory enforcement authority set forth by RCW 42.17A.770.
- The Respondent served as a cooperating attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union in connection with a private legal practice from 1982 through 2018, but received no compensation for this work.
- While the Respondent was not required to disclose either the emeritus status with Full Life Care or *pro bono* work for the American Civil Liberties Union, PDC staff noted that the Respondent’s disclosures of payments to entities on supplements to the F-1 from 2016 through 2018 were missing the information required by RCW 42.17A.710.
- The Respondent received a modification of F-1 reporting requirements in 2016, for the F-1 report covering calendar year 2015, but failed to provide the alternate information required by WAC 390-28-100, and did not request a renewal of the modification for future years.
- On October 24, 2019, the Commission granted a retroactive modification to Michael Scott’s reporting requirements, and accepted supplemental information disclosing business and government customers of the Respondent’s former law firm.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to accurately and completely disclose payments to entities reportable on an F-1 report, does a violation that warrants further investigation.

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Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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cc: Michael Scott