



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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October 22, 2019

Sent electronically to d-elafavor@centurylink.net

Subject: Complaint filed by Brandon Franck, PDC Case 57786

Dear Darren LaFavor:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Brandon Franck concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging a violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failing to timely register as a candidate with the PDC within two weeks of candidacy.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Franck, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the requirements noted in the enclosed letter. This formal written warning comes with PDC staff's expectation you file your Candidate Registration (C-1) timely in future elections.

The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules. Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at (360) 586-4746, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____

Peter Lavalley
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Sent Electronically to Brandon Franck at ski.teacher@hotmail.com

Subject: Darren LaFavor, PDC Case 57786

Dear Brandon Franck:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed September 23, 2019.

Your complaint alleged Darren LaFavor, a 2019 candidate for Clark County Fire Protection District 6 Fire Commissioner, Position 2, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file a Candidate Registration (Form C-1) within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable PDC reports, and the response from Darren LaFavor to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Darren LaFavor declared candidacy for Clark County Fire Protection District 6 Fire Commissioner on May 13, 2019.
- LaFavor timely filed a Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) with the PDC on May 16, 2019.
- LaFavor was required to file a C-1 no later than May 27, 2019.
- LaFavor filed a C-1 119 days late on September 23, 2019. He selected the mini-reporting option, stating the campaign would not raise or spend more than \$5,000 or accept more than \$500 in the aggregate from any single contributor.
- LaFavor stated "The reason for this is that I did not realize at the time of filling for candidacy that filling the C-1 was mandatory. Once I read the requirements for reporting I realized I had to register even if I was not taking donations. It is my intention to be truthful and transparent throughout this process. I am a first-time candidate working on this by myself."

Based on these findings, staff has determined in this instance, the failure to timely register as a candidate with the PDC within two weeks of his candidacy does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), LaFavor will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to timely register as a candidate with the PDC. The formal written warning will include PDC staff's expectation Darren LaFavor file a Candidate Registration (C-1) timely in future elections.

The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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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