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July 13, 2020

Delivered electronically to Terry Christensen at "tchristensen@ci.richland.wa.us"

Subject: Complaint filed by Lillian Slovic, PDC Case 71003

Dear Mr. Christensen:

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

As noted in the letter to Lillian Slovic, 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 timely and accurate disclosure of all sources of income on the Personal Financial Affairs Statements (F-1 reports). PDC staff expects in the future that you will submit timely and accurate F-1 reports in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed

Jennifer Hansen
Compliance Officer

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Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee
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Subject: Complaint regarding Terry Christensen, PDC Case 71003

Dear Lillian Slovic:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on May 28, 2020. The complaint alleged that Terry Christensen, a current City Council Member for the City of Richland, Position 6, may have violated RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to accurately file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) covering calendar year 2019 by not including all sources of income.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by the Respondent, Terry Christensen; and the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Terry Christensen is a current City Council Member for the City of Richland, Position 6 after winning the seat in the 2011 general election and then being re-elected in the 2015 and 2019 elections.
- As an elected official, Mr. Christensen was required to file an F-1 report by no later than April 15, 2020 disclosing his personal financial information for calendar year 2019.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.710 Mr. Christensen was required to disclose all sources of income on the F-1 report covering calendar year 2019.
- On March 14, 2020, Mr. Christensen timely submitted the F-1 report for the reporting period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 but failed to include all sources of income.
- The complaint filed on May 28, 2020, alleged that the F-1 report was specifically missing income from Social Security, pension and rent.
- In response to the complaint, Mr. Christensen confirmed that the property referenced in the complaint is inhabited by a family member and does not generate any rental income.
- On June 3, 2020, Mr. Christensen submitted an amended F-1 report disclosing pension from The Northern Trust in the amount of zero to \$29,999 and Social Security income in the amount of zero to \$29,999.

The Respondent has not previously been found in violation of PDC laws or rules and responded promptly to the complaint.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely and accurately

disclose all sources of income on the F-1 report covering 2019 does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Mr. Christensen about the importance of the timely and accurate disclosure of all sources of income on F-1 reports, and the timely and accurate filing of all future F-1 reports in accordance with the statutes and 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).

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

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