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July 23, 2020

Delivered electronically to Robert J. Thompson at “rjt@robertjthompsonlawoffice.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Lillian Slovic, PDC Case 71435

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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
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Subject: Complaint regarding Robert J. Thompson, PDC Case 71435

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 Robert J. Thompson, a current City Council Member for the City of Richland, Position 1, 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, Robert Thompson; 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:

- Robert J. Thompson is a current City Council Member for the City of Richland after winning the seat in the 2009 general election and then being re-elected in the 2013, 2017 and 2019 elections.
- As an elected official, Mr. Thompson 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. Thompson was required to disclose all sources of income on the F-1 report covering calendar year 2019.
- On April 14, 2020, Mr. Thompson timely submitted the F-1 report for the reporting period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 but failed to include any sources of income.
- The complaint filed on May 28, 2020, alleged that the F-1 report was specifically missing income from the City of Richland for Mr. Thompson’s service as an elected City Councilmember and a payment made by the City of Kennewick for legal services provided to Mr. Thompson or his law firm, during calendar year 2019.
- In response to the complaint, Mr. Thompson stated that the payment made to his firm, Law Office of Robert J. Thompson, was received in January 2020, outside of the reporting period for the current F-1 report.
- On July 20, 2020, Mr. Thompson submitted an amended F-1 report disclosing income from Robert J. Thompson, P.S. in the amount of \$100,000 to \$199,999; State of Washington Office of Public Defense in the amount of \$60,000 to \$99,999; and City of Richland in the amount of zero to \$29,999.

- Mr. Thompson's supplemental response stated that the exclusion of income sources on his F-1 report covering 2019, was unintentional and due to technical difficulties using the PDC's new electronic filing application.

Although Mr. Thompson was the subject of a previous complaint filed with the PDC, the complaint was not related to the submission of the F-1 report. In addition, during a review of his F-1 report filing history, staff found that Mr. Thompson appears to have a good understanding of the F-1 filing requirements.

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. Thompson 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).

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