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September 4, 2020

Delivered electronically to Jimmy Matta at "jimmymatta@msn.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 73573

Dear Mr. Matta:

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

As noted in the letter to Mr. Morgan, 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 filing a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) with the PDC no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> each year as an elected official. PDC staff expects in the future that you will file the F-1 timely 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 [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Electronically signed*

Jennifer Hansen  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Barbara Sandahl  
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For Peter Lavallee  
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September 4 2020

Delivered electronically to Glen Morgan at “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Jimmy Matta, PDC Case 73573

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 13, 2020. The complaint alleged that Jimmy Matta, a current City Council Member of the City of Burien, may have violated RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to timely file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) due by April 15, 2020 and covering calendar year 2019.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Mr. Matta; 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:

- Jimmy Matta is a current City Council Member for the City of Burien, after being elected in the November 7, 2017 general election.
- The members of the Burien City Council elect one of the members to act as Mayor. Mr. Matta is currently serving in this capacity.
- As an elected official, Mr. Matta was required to file an F-1 report by no later than April 15, 2020 disclosing his personal financial information for calendar year 2019.
- Mr. Matta electronically filed the required F-1 report with the PDC on July 31, 2020.
- In his response, Mr. Matta stated that the delay in his submittal of the F-1 report due by April 15, 2020, was partially caused by a change at the beginning of calendar year 2020 in the corporate structure of his solely held corporation as well as an investment in a new accounting program connected to that corporation. Mr. Matta further stated that he had planned to hire an outside accounting consultant to help with the transition but the restrictions due to COVID made this impossible. He further stated that in addition to dealing with his personal company and its employees, that his role as the Mayor has been demanding.

Although it appears that Mr. Matta experienced extraordinary difficulties this year due to the restrictions of the COVID pandemic, and that he did not intentionally attempt to deprive the public of the disclosure of his finances as described in statute, the F-1 report covering financial activities for calendar year 2019 was submitted late. However, Mr. Matta has not been found in violation of late filing of the F-1 reports during his time as an elected official and cooperated with staff to complete his missing report.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file a F-1 report does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Mr. Matta about the importance of timely filing a Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the PDC no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> each year as an elected official, and the timely filing of all future PDC 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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cc: Jimmy Matta