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September 16, 2020

Sent electronically to [lorena.gonzalez@seattle.gov](mailto:lorena.gonzalez@seattle.gov)

Subject: Complaints filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 73826

Dear Lorena Gonzalez:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed July 17, 2020 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging a violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to timely and accurately file a financial affairs statement by April 15, 2020 or within two weeks of becoming a candidate, whichever occurred first.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter. This formal written warning comes with staff's expectation you file timely and complete financial affairs statements in the future as required by law.

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

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](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_

Alice Fiman  
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Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_

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September 16, 2020

Sent electronically to [glen@wethegoverned.com](mailto:glen@wethegoverned.com)

Subject: Lorena Gonzalez, PDC Cases 73826

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed July 17, 2020.

Your complaint alleged Lorena Gonzalez, a 2020 candidate for Washington State Attorney General, violated 42.17A.700 and RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to timely and accurately file a financial affairs statement within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

It was determined Gonzalez is a current member of the Seattle City Council, and PDC staff updated the allegation to “by failing to timely and accurately file a financial affairs statement by April 15, 2020 or within two weeks of becoming a candidate, whichever occurred first.”

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements and the response from Lorena Gonzalez, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Gonzalez first filed with the PDC in March 2015, was elected to the Seattle City Council in 2015 and re-elected in 2017, with the term expiring in 2022.
- Gonzalez has timely filed five financial affairs statements with the PDC, with the most recent (prior to this month) filed April 15, 2019.
- Gonzalez filed a campaign registration with the PDC on August 27, 2019 for Washington State Attorney General; however, she withdrew the candidacy and did not appear on the August 4, 2020 Primary Election ballot for that office.
- Officials are required to file their F-1 reports by April 15 of each year. Therefore, Gonzalez’s financial affairs statement was due by April 15, 2020 or within two weeks of declaring candidacy, whichever occurred first.

- In response, Gonzalez stated she was on maternity leave from January through March 2020 but did file her corresponding financial affairs statement with Seattle City Clerk on May 4, 2020, based on an extension granted by the City's Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission.
- Gonzalez also noted she did not receive notification of the PDC complaint as the “emails went to my work ‘Junk’ folder and others were buried in my work ‘External’ folder with well over 50,000 emails received from others as a result of the civil unrest related to the killing of George Floyd and protests in Seattle. My sincere apologies for not seeing this and responding sooner!”
- Gonzales filed her financial affairs statement with the PDC on September 3, 2020.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to timely and accurately file financial affairs statement does not amount to a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Lorena Gonzalez will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to comply with PDC requirements as noted in this letter.

The formal written warning will include staff’s expectation that Lorena Gonzalez timely file all future required financial affairs reports as required by law. 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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Sincerely,

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