



**State of Washington  
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May 19, 2021

Delivered electronically to Carolyn Armanini at “carmanini@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding David Maehren, PDC Case 89335

Dear Carolyn Armanini:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on April 22, 2021. The complaint alleged that David Maehren, a former Fire Commissioner with King County Fire Protection District 16, may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) disclosing financial activity for calendar year 2020.

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

- David Maehren is a former Fire Commissioner with King County Fire Protection District 16, having served through the end of his term on December 31, 2020.
- RCW 42.17A.700 requires that, after January 1<sup>st</sup> and before April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, elected officials who served for any portion of the preceding year shall electronically filed with the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding calendar year or for that portion of the year served.
- The F-1 report was due no later than April 15, 2021 disclosing financial activity for calendar year 2020.
- Mr. Maehren submitted the F-1 report electronically, fourteen days late, on April 29, 2021 and apologized the late filing.
- A general review of the last ten years of Mr. Maehren’s F-1 filing history showed a timely filing history with all reports being submitted in February or March, prior to the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline each year.

It appears that late filing of the F-1 report by Mr. Maehren was an oversight and not made to withhold information from the public regarding his 2020 personal finances.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the F-1 report disclosing financial activity for calendar year 2020 does not amount to a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, David Maehren will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely file a F-1 report disclosing financial activity for calendar year 2020. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Mr. Maehren timely files all future required reports should he return to an elected or appointed position under the jurisdiction of the PDC. 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).

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

Sincerely,

*Electronically signed*

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Endorsed by,

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Peter Lavalley  
Executive Director

cc: David Maehren