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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Coordinator

Date: October 12, 2021

Subject: Oscar Casados; PDC Case 93968; Reconsideration Hearing

Matter for Reconsideration:

During a Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 15, 2021, Oscar Casados was found to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) no later than April 15, 2021. At the July 15, 2021 Brief Enforcement Hearing, an Order imposing a \$250 penalty, with \$150 suspended, was entered, which Oscar Casados now requests the Commission reconsider.

Background:

- Oscar Casados (the “Respondent”) served as Parks & Recreation Commissioner for Adams Co. Park & Rec. Dist. 1 during calendar year 2020. His term expired on December 31, 2020.
- The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2020 was required to file an F-1 report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2020, no later than April 15, 2021.
- In March and April of 2021, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.
- On May 12, 2021, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a warning notice regarding the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2020. The notice was sent to the Respondent’s email address-of-record.

- On June 28, 2021, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a hearing notice for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to be held on July 15, 2021. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's email address-of-record.
- At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 15, 2021, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to file the F-1 report no later than April 15, 2021, and was assessed a \$250 penalty, consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission. The Presiding Officer suspended \$150 of the \$250 penalty conditioned upon the Respondent filing the missing F-1 report and paying the non-suspended \$100 penalty within 30 days of the Initial Order being entered.
- On August 17, 2021, PDC staff served the August 12, 2021 Initial Order memorializing the Commission's ruling, by email, to the Respondent's email address-of-record.
- On August 19, 2021, the Respondent emailed PDC staff stating that he resigned his position effective December 30, 2020.
- PDC staff received two voice mail messages from Jeri Casados on September 15, 2021, wherein she stated that the Respondent had three strokes at the beginning of the year and has cognitive issues that prevented him from filing the F-1 report. She indicated that she might be able to assist him with the report.
- The Respondent's F-1 report covering calendar year 2020 activity was filed with the PDC on September 17, 2021.

Request for Reconsideration:

- On September 30, 2021, Jeri Casados submitted written materials to PDC staff appealing the Respondent's August 16, 2021 Order based on serious medical conditions and treatment that lasted several months and frustrated compliance. The Respondent's letter also states that the medical issues are ongoing and prevent the Respondent from working.
- On October 4, 2021, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email, with a hearing notice for an October 12, 2021 Reconsideration Hearing before the Public Disclosure Commission, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.