



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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October 15, 2021

Delivered electronically to mlafond57@hotmail.com

Subject: Final Order; PDC Case Number 94178

Dear Ray LaFond:

Attached is the Final Order entered at the September 23, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting of Public Disclosure Commission.

The Commission Vacated the Initial Order and no penalty is due.

If you have any questions, please contact PDC Staff by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov – and be sure to reference your case number in the subject line of the email.

Sincerely,

PDC Staff
Compliance and Enforcement Division

Enclosure

- Final Order



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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

7 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
8 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 94178

FINAL ORDER

9 RAY LaFOND,

10 Respondent.
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14 This matter was heard remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
15 (Commission) on September 23, 2021, by telephonic and online streaming access. Respondent
16 requested review of the Initial Order within 21 calendar days of the order being served on him.
17 The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37
18 WAC.

19 Commissioners present both telephonically and online were Fred Jarrett, Commission
20 Chair (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; Commissioner Bill Downing, and
21 Commissioner Allen Hayward. Also present both telephonically and online were Assistant
22 Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General
23 Chad Standifer, representing PDC Staff, and Jennifer Hansen, PDC Compliance Officer.
24 Respondent Ray LaFond did not appear on his own behalf. The proceeding was open to the
25 public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-28 *et seq.* and recorded.
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1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 2 1. Case memorandum dated September 15, 2021, prepared by Jennifer Hansen, PDC
3 Compliance Officer;
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- 5 2. Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice, PDC Case 94178, sent to Respondent on June 25,
6 2021, for Adjudicative Proceedings on July 15, 2021;
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- 8 3. Initial Order Imposing Fine, PDC Case 94178, entered August 16, 2021;
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- 10 4. Reconsideration Hearing Notice, PDC Case 94178, served September 15, 2021, and
11 the corrected notice served September 17, 2021.
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13 I. FINDINGS OF FACT

14 The matter involves an alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a
15 Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) no later than April 15, 2021, for calendar year
16 2020.

17 1. Ray LaFond served as a Park and Recreation Commissioner for Klickitat
18 Recreation District during calendar year 2020, until his term expired. He resigned from
19 further duties for medical reasons in December, 2020. The Respondent has no prior
20 violations with the PDC.

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22 2. Between February and May of 2021, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected
23 and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.

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1 3. On May 11, 2021, PDC staff emailed warning letters to elected and appointed
2 officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.

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4 4. On June 25, 2021, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a hearing notice for a
5 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to be held on July 15,
6 2021. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's email address of record.

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8 5. At the July 15, 2021, Brief Enforcement Hearing the Respondent was found in
9 violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file the F-1 report no later than April
10 15, 2021, and was assessed a \$250 penalty, consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief
11 Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission.

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13 6. On August 16, 2021, PDC staff served the Initial Order memorializing the
14 Commission's ruling by email to the contact email address of record.

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16 7. To date Respondent has not filed the F-1 report covering calendar year 2020
17 activity.

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19 8. On August 19, 2021, Respondent contacted PDC staff by telephone to appeal
20 the August 16, 2021, order based his significant health issues, including a stroke and
21 partial paralysis, that prevented him from completing the F-1 report and resulted in his
22 resignation from his position.

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24 9. On September 15, 2021, PDC staff served Respondent by email with a hearing
25 notice for a September 23, 2021, Hearing on Reconsideration before the Commission,
26 along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely. On September

1 17, 2021, staff served the Respondent with a corrected hearing notice to reflect the
2 appropriate agenda time.

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4 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
6 42.17A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the
7 Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

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9 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office
10 in 2020 was required to file an F-1 report, disclosing financial information for calendar
11 year 2020, no later than April 15, 2021.

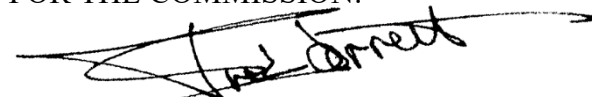
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13 **III. ORDER**

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15 After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, including Respondent's
16 significant health issues, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission
17 VACATES the Initial Order assessing a civil penalty of \$250 for late filing of the F-1 report in
18 violation of RCW 42.17A.700. This Order will be the Final Order.

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20 SO ORDERED this 15th day of October, 2021.

21 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
22 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

23 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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25 Fred Jarrett,
26 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

1 *This order sent by email to:*

2 Ray LaFond, Respondent
3 MLAFOND57@hotmail.com

4 Jennifer Hansen,
5 PDC Compliance Officer,
6 Jennifer.Hansen@pdc.wa.gov

I, Jennifer Hansen, certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective email address.

Jennifer Hansen October 15, 2021
Signed Date

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9 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

10 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
11 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
12 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
13 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
14 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

15 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

16 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
17 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
18 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
19 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.