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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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October 13, 2022

Natalie R. Marx
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And delivered electronically to marxfortreasurer@gmail.com nmarx@nwi.net

Subject: PDC Order, Case 109821

Natalie R. Marx,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the September 22, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, of which \$400 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$100. non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is November 14, 2022.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and mail the payment to the following address:

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

It is also ordered that you file the missing F-1 reports for Calendar Year 2020 and 2021 as well as pay any outstanding penalties within 30 days of this order.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation (PDC Case 94161).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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

9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 109821

FINAL ORDER

11 NATALIE MARX,
12 Respondent.
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15 This matter was heard in person by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on September 22, 2022, and by telephonic and online streaming access.
17 Respondent Natalie Marx was provided notice on September 8, 2022, of the hearing date. The
18 hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37
19 WAC.

20 Commissioners present in person were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair (presiding);
21 Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing, Allen Hayward,
22 and Jocelyn Cooney. Also present in person, telephonically, or online were Assistant Attorney
23 General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad
24 Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice
25 was provided to the Respondent and she did appear on her own behalf. The proceeding was
26 open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-25 *et seq.* and recorded.

1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

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- 3 1. Case memorandum dated September 14, 2022, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC
- 4 Compliance Coordinator;
- 5 2. Hearing Notice, mailed and dated September 8, 2022;
- 6 3. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 94161, served August 16, 2021;
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8 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

9 The matter involves Respondent Natalie Marx, a former County Treasurer for Douglas

10 County whose term ended October 12, 2021. Respondent is alleged to have violated RCW

11 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) with

12 the Public Disclosure Commission no later than April 15, 2022, disclosing financial information

13 for the calendar year 2021. The Respondent has an outstanding penalty balance from one prior

14 violation with the PDC of \$250 plus costs.

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- 16 1. In March and April of 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and
- 17 appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
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- 19 2. On April 18, 2022, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a warning notice regarding
- 20 the missing F-1 reports.
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- 22 3. On September 8, 2022, PDC Staff served the Respondent by email and mail with
- 23 a hearing notice for a September 22, 2022, Enforcement Hearing, along with
- 24 instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely, before the full Public
- 25 Disclosure Commission concerning her failure to file the F-1 report.
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2 4. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report
3 covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.
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5 5. The past due F-1 Report for 2020, due April 15, 2021, has not been filed as of the
6 date of this hearing and the Respondent has not paid the \$250 civil penalty.
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8 6. There is one prior case for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:
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- 10 • PDC Case 94161. At a July 15, 2021, Brief Enforcement Hearing,
11 Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing
12 to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2020, which was due not
13 later than April 15, 2021. A total civil penalty of \$250 was
14 assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the
15 Commission in effect at that time. As of September 22, 2022, the
16 Respondent has not filed the required F-1 report or paid the civil
17 penalty and the penalty has been sent for collection.
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19 20 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

21 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
22 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05
23 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.
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2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2021 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2021 no later than April 15, 2022.

III. ORDER

This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Commission assesses a civil penalty of \$500 for the late filed calendar year 2021 F-1 Report with \$400 suspended on the following conditions:

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 - a. The \$250 past due civil penalty plus costs due for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2020 in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - b. The non-suspended portion (\$100) of the \$500 civil penalty for failure to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2021 in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - c. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2020 and 2021 are filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - d. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further

violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.

2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar year 2021 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the Commission.

SO ORDERED this 13th day of October 2022.

WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Fred Jarrett,
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

This order sent by email to:

Natalie Marx, Respondent
nmarx@nwi.net
marxfortreasurer@gmail.com
marx@co.douglas.wa.us

Jordan Campbell,
PDC Compliance Coordinator,
pdc@pdc.wa.gov

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

Electronically signed by Jordan Campbell October 13, 2022

Signed

Date

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2 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

3 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
4 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
5 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
6 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
7 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

7 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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