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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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November 17, 2022

Kate McDougall
160 SE WESTSIDE DR,
CHEHALIS WA 98532

And delivered electronically to kathmcd86@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 110509

Dear Kate McDougall,

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

At the October 27, 2022 Full Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$1000, of which \$500 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$500 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **December 19, 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 the missing F-1 report for the twelve months prior to becoming a candidate due June 4, 2021, and the report for calendar year 2021 and pay the outstanding penalty from your previous violation 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 95485).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc@pdc.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. 110509

FINAL ORDER

11 KATE McDOUGALL,
12 Respondent.
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15 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on October 27, 2022, by in-person, telephonic, and online streaming access.
17 Respondent Kate McDougall was provided notice on October 13, 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 or online were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair
21 (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing, and
22 Allen Hayward. 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 not 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 October 19, 2022, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC
- 4 Compliance Coordinator;
- 5 2. Hearing Notice, mailed and dated October 13, 2022;
- 6 3. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 95485, served September 15, 2021.
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8 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

9 The matter involves Respondent Kate McDougall, a City Council Member for the City

10 of Chehalis. The Respondent is alleged to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely

11 file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) with the Public Disclosure Commission

12 no later than April 15, 2022, disclosing financial information for the calendar year 2021.

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- 14 1. In March and April of 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and
- 15 appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
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- 17 2. On July 22, 2022, PDC Staff served the Respondent, by email and mail, with a
- 18 hearing notice for a September 1, 2022, Brief Enforcement Hearing. The
- 19 Presiding Officer referred the case to the full Commission per WAC 390-37-
- 20 143(5).
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- 22 4. On October 13, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email and mail, with
- 23 a hearing notice for an October 27, 2022, Enforcement Hearing before the full
- 24 Commission concerning her failure to file the F-1 report.
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1 5. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report
2 covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.

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4 6. There is one prior case for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:

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6 • PDC Case 95485. At an August 12, 2021, Brief Enforcement
7 Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700
8 for failing to file the F-1 report for the previous twelve months
9 prior to becoming a candidate or no later than June 4, 2021. A
10 total civil penalty of \$250 was assessed in accordance with the
11 penalty schedule adopted by the Commission in effect at that time.
12 As of October 19, 2022, the Respondent has not filed the F-1
13 report for the previous twelve months prior to becoming a
14 candidate and has not paid the outstanding civil penalty.

15 16 17 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

18 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
19 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05
20 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

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22 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office
23 in 2021 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for
24 calendar year 2021 no later than April 15, 2022.

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2 **III. ORDER**
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4 This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and
5 aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Commission
6 assesses a civil penalty of \$1,000 for the late filed F-1 Report with \$500 suspended on the
7 following conditions:
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- 9 1. a. The non-suspended portion (\$500) of the \$1,000 civil penalty for
10 failure to file the F-1 report prior to becoming a candidate in violation of
11 RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date
12 of this Final Order.
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14 b. The missing F-1 reports for the twelve months prior to becoming
15 a candidate due June 4, 2021, and the report for calendar year 2021 are
16 filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
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18 c. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC
19 reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further
20 violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years
21 of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be
22 assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or
23 error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a
24 technical correction.
25 2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within
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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 17th day of November 2022.

WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Fred Jarrett,
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

This order sent by email to:

Kate McDougall, Respondent
kmcDougall@ci.chehalis.wa.us
kathmcd86@gmail.com

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

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

Electronically signed by Jordan Campbell November 17, 2022

Signed

Date

NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION

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

NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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