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May 11, 2023

Mailed and sent electronically to Donald Golden

Donald Golden  
907 South Huson Street  
Tacoma, WA 98405

Subject: Donald Golden Brief Order and Cover Letter, PDC Case 111418

Donald Golden,

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

At the April 18, 2023, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$150 in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 against your 2018 candidacy, payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, and which is **due no later than Friday, June 9, 2023.**

Please make the check or money order payable to **"WA State Treasurer,"** referencing the case number in the memorandum field, and mail the payment to the following address:

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

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/s Electronically Signed Kurt Young  
PDC Compliance Officer

Enclosure: Initial Order



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Donald Golden, 2018 Candidate for State Representative  
in the 27<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

Respondent.

PDC Case 111418

Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions of  
Law, and  
**Order Imposing  
Fine**

Pursuant to the notice of brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) electronically sent to Donald Golden on March 30, 2023, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on April 18, 2023, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission. The purpose of the hearing was to consider whether Donald Golden, a 2018 candidate for State Representative, violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 by failing to file Summary, Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4) reports and Monetary Contributions reports (C-3 reports) as required for a candidate under the Full Reporting Option for the 2018 election cycle.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commissioner Nancy Isserlis served as the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. Also in attendance for Commission staff were Kim Bradford, Deputy Director and Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator. The Respondent, Donald Golden did not participate at the hearing.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On July 12, 2018, Donald Golden filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring his candidacy for the office of State Representative in the 27<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, Position 2 in 2018 as an “Independent” candidate, selecting the Full Reporting Option and listing himself as the Campaign Treasurer.
2. While Mr. Golden selected the Full Reporting Option, he failed to file any C-3 and C-4 reports during the 2018 election cycle, despite his name appearing on both the 2018 primary and general election ballots.
3. Mr. Golden has no prior PDC violations, and staff could not find any complaints or other PDC staff notifications that he failed to file reports during the 2018 election cycle.

4. PDC staff's review found the 2018 Campaign for State Representative was the only election in which Mr. Golden was a candidate for public office in Washington State.
5. While Mr. Golden failed to provide a formal response to the complaint, he did send an email to PDC staff on January 16, 2023, stating "I never heard back from you, and I assume the complaint filed by Connor Edwards is satisfied. I lost the election and did not raise much money. I abandoned the website shortly after the election and never checked it."
6. Mr. Golden did not participate at the Brief Hearing, and he did not provide any written testimony or correspondence for the Presiding Officer to consider.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened, and all jurisdictional, substantive, and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to file any C-3 or C-4 reports during the 2018 election cycle as a candidate for State Representative in the 27<sup>th</sup> Legislative District registered under the "Full Reporting" option.

### **ORDER**

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$150, in accordance with the Brief Enforcement penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143, which is payable within 30 days of the date of the Order.**

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

Public Disclosure Commission

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee  
Peter Frey Lavallee  
Executive Director



I, Kurt Young, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective address postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein. I certify that I also emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their email address of record.

/s/ Kurt Young

Date: 05/11/2023

## APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDER

### REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

You may request that the full Commission review this initial order. To seek review, you must:

- Make the request by email, stating the reason for review, and identifying what alleged errors are contained in the initial order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(1).
- All requests for review must be submitted electronically to [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov) **REQUESTS FOR REVIEW MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE THIS INITIAL ORDER WAS ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED TO YOU.**

If review of this initial order is timely requested, the full Commission will hear the matter. If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) calendar days, this initial order becomes a final order, and any request for review will automatically be considered a request for reconsideration of a final order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(4). The matter would then be scheduled for consideration and disposition at the next Commission meeting at which it is practicable to do so.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on a request for review of an initial order.

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### FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

If the Commission does not receive a request for review of this initial order within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the initial order shall be the FINAL ORDER. *See* WAC 390-37-142(7).

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A FINAL ORDER TO SUPERIOR COURT, PURSUANT TO THE PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PROVISIONS OF RCW 34.05.542.**