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Subject: Complaint filed by Robert Parker, PDC Case 137905

Dear Edward Cale, IV:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Robert Parker concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Robert Parker, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter sent to Mr. Parker. Staff expects you to file all required *Personal Financial Affairs Statements* (F-1 reports) in future years. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith
Tabatha Blacksmith
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Endorsed by,

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Subject: Complaint regarding Edward Cale, IV, PDC Case 137905

Dear Robert Parker:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on May 29, 2023. The complaint alleged that Edward Cale, IV, a 2024 candidate for the office of Governor of Washington state, may have violated [RCW 42.17A.700](#) for failing to timely file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) that was due within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response(s) provided by Edward Cale, IV (the “Respondent”); the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and other relevant information to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- The Respondent is a first-time candidate seeking the office of Governor of Washington state in election year 2024. He filed a *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) with the PDC on March 14, 2022 and selected the Full Reporting option. As a result, the candidate committee is required to report contributions and expenditures to the PDC on C-3 and C-4 reports pursuant to [RCW 42.17A.235](#) & [RCW 42.17A.240](#). Due dates for these reports are based upon the election cycle, the candidate’s election participation, and the campaign’s financial activity.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700(2), candidates are required to file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) disclosing financial activity for the twelve months preceding candidacy, which is due within two weeks of becoming a candidate. Based on the date the Respondent registered as a candidate with the PDC (3/14/22), his F-1 report was due no later than March 28, 2022.
- The Respondent responded to the complaint on August 10, 2023, stated that he would file the missing report, and requested help from PDC staff completing the report. He also said he had just received the PDC’s emails and indicated his belief that his email filters and forwarding have not been working properly.

- On August 11, 2023, the Respondent filed a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) covering 3/14/21 – 3/13/22 wherein he reported income, but no debt.
- The Respondent amended his F-1 report on August 15, 2023 to include debt. A full completed F-1 report was due 3/28/22, making this information 505 days late. The Respondent also amended his F-1 report on 8/26/23 but no new information was reported.
- The Respondent does not have previous warnings/violations of PDC requirements.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file an F-1 report covering the twelve months prior to candidacy does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, Edward Calve, IV will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to timely file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) within two weeks of candidacy. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Edward Cale, IV timely files all future required reports. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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cc: Edward Cale, IV