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August 31, 2023

Delivered electronically to Stanley Holland at hollandfamily89@gmail.com and hollandfamily12@hotmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Robert Parker, PDC Case 137968

Dear Stanley Holland:

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.

As you know, this case was resolved via your submission of a signed *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) and agreement to pay \$250 in civil penalties in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.205 & RCW 42.17A.710 for: (1) failing to timely file the *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate; and 2) failing to report income, real estate, debts and/or a business association on *Personal Financial Affairs Statements* (F-1 reports) covering calendar years 2019 and 2020, 1/1/21 – 11/30/21, and 5/26/22 – 5/25/23.

We have received your initial penalty payment of \$125 and your commitment to pay the remaining \$125 in two weeks. PDC staff may reopen this case if you fail to timely pay the remaining half of the penalty owed.

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 pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith
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Subject: Complaint regarding Stanley Holland, PDC Case 137968

Dear Robert Parker:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 3, 2023. The complaint alleged that Stanley Holland, a 2023 candidate for City Council Member for the City of Orting, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 and .710 by failing to file a *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate; and disclose income, real estate, debts, and a business association on *Personal Financial Affairs Statements* (F- reports) covering 1/1/2019 – 5/26/2023. Specifically, you alleged that Mr. Holland failed to report income, property in Orting, debts related to the property, and a Board Member position that began in 2022.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by Stanley Holland (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 2023 candidate for City Council Member position #5 with the City of Orting who filed a *Declaration of Candidacy* with Elections officials on 5/19/23. The Respondent did not participate in the 2023 Primary election and will advance to the General election.
- PDC records indicate that the Respondent is an experienced candidate who ran for School Director of Orting School District 344 in election years 2015, 2017 and 2021.
- PDC records indicate the Respondent is an experienced elected official who formerly held the office of Orting City Council Member with a term end date of 12/31/2014 and served as a School Director for Orting School District 344 for the term 1/1/19 12/31/21.
- According to the Pierce County Assessor's website, the Respondent owns property in Orting (parcel number 3008010090).

- According to the website for Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD), the Respondent is a Board Member of PSESD whose term began in 2022.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205, candidates are required to file a *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) with the PDC within two weeks of becoming a candidate. Based on the date the Respondent filed for office (5/19/23), a C-1 report was due no later than June 2, 2023.
- RCW 42.17A.710 requires candidates and elected or appointed officials who are required to file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700 to disclose certain financial activity on the F-1 report. Disclosable information includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - o Income of \$2,400 or more from employment, unemployment benefits, social security or other sources;
 - o Real estate owned in WA State with a value that exceeds \$12,000;
 - o Debt valued at \$2,400 or more; and
 - Business and organizational interests where the filer serves as an officer, director or general partner
- The Respondent's F-1 reporting history shows the following unreported information:
 - Income: Income the Respondent received from SP+ Parking was not disclosed on F-1 reports covering activity for calendar years 2019 and 2020 and 5/26/22 – 5/25/23.
 - o **Real Estate**: The Respondent's property in Orting was not disclosed on his F-1 reports covering activity for calendar years 2019 and 2020, 1/1/21 11/30/21, and 5/26/22 5/25/23.
 - Debt: Debts related to the Orting property (mortgage, home equity loan) were not disclosed on F-1 reports covering calendar years 2019 and 2020, 1/1/21 11/30/21, and 5/26/22 5/25/23.
 - Business and Organizational Interests (Business Associations): The Respondent's Board Member position with PSESD was not disclosed on the Respondent's F-1 report covering activity for 5/26/22 – 5/25/23.
- On May 26, 2023, the Respondent filed an F-1 report that disclosed financial activity for 1/1/23 5/26/23 in error. This F-1 report should have contained financial information for the twelve months preceding the Respondent's candidacy. The Respondent filed an F-1 report for the full twelve-month reporting period (5/26/22 5/25/23) on June 7, 2023.
- Upon being notified of the complaint on June 7, 2023, the Respondent contacted the PDC by telephone the same day and indicated his belief that he had reported everything. PDC staff explained what information was missing from the reports and began assisting the Respondent in amending his F-1 reports.
- On July 17, 2023, the Respondent provided a written response to the complaint by email wherein he stated his belief that he had taken care of the matter.

- PDC staff reached out to the Respondent by telephone on August 1, 2023 regarding his missing *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) and he indicated he would file the report that evening. The Respondent said he would probably select the mini-reporting option on the C-1 report because he plans to run a small campaign.
- The Respondent filed a *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) on August 8, 2023 and selected the mini-reporting option. The C-1 report was due 6/2/23, making this information 67 days late.
- Between June 7, 2023 and August 18, 2023, the Respondent worked with PDC staff to amend his F-1 reports covering calendar year 2019, calendar year 2020, 1/1/21 11/30/21, and 5/26/22 5/25/23 activity to include the missing income, real estate, debts, and a business association. This information was reported between 74 and 1,220 days late.
- The Respondent does not have previous warnings or violations of PDC requirements within the last five years. However, his prior violation of RCW 42.17A.205 and .700 in PDC Case 16-116, which was resolved in 2015, is an aggravating factor in this case.

Stanley Holland completed a *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) and agreed to pay \$250 in civil penalties in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.205 & RCW 42.17A.710 for: (1) failing to timely file the *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate; and 2) failing to report income, real estate, debts and/or a business association on *Personal Financial Affairs Statements* (F-1 reports) covering calendar years 2019 and 2020, 1/1/21 – 11/30/21, and 5/26/22 – 5/25/23. The signed SOU and \$250 in penalties assessed resolves the allegations listed in your complaint.

The Respondent made an initial payment of \$125 and has committed to pay the remaining \$125 in two weeks. PDC staff may reopen this case if the Respondent fails to timely pay the remaining half of the penalty owed.

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: Stanley Holland