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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding

Gary Cronce: PDC Cases #26474 & #27470

Gay H. Chonce hereby acknowledge that I

(Printed Name of Respondent)

Used the facilities of the City of Shelton to assist my 2015 Campaign as a candidate for Shelton City Mayor, to assist the 2015 candidacy of Kathleen McDowell for Shelton City Commissioner, and to advocate my opposition to Proposition No. 1, a local City of Shelton ballot measure to determine whether the City should change its form of government from a City Commission to a Council/Manager form of Government on the November 7, 2017 ballot, by:

- 1. Using my city owned computer, email address and my time as Mayor to send and receive emails soliciting campaign contributions to my 2015 mayoral campaign, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.
- Using my city owned computer, email address and my time as Mayor to send and receive emails soliciting campaign contributions for the 2015 city commissioner campaign of Kathleen McDowell, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.
- 3. Using City Commission property and acting in my official capacity as Mayor, to advocate for votes in opposition to Proposition 1 during an October 16, 2017 City Commission public meeting, when Proposition 1 was not listed on the agenda and was outside of the citizen comments section of the meeting, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.

I would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) being scheduled by the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff.

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Therefore, in lieu of PDC staff scheduling a Brief Enforcement Hearing, I am completing this Statement of Understanding, and enclosing a check or money order in the amount of \$450 as a penalty payment in this matter.

The \$450 penalty assessed in this matter is based on: (1) a \$300 penalty, \$150 each for the two acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.555 for using my city owned computer, email address, my time to solicit campaign contributions donations for my 2015 Mayoral campaign, and for soliciting campaign donation for the 2015 city commissioner campaign of Kathleen McDowell; and (2) a \$150 penalty for the acknowledged violation of RCW 42.17A.555 for advocating for votes in opposition to Proposition 1 during the October 16, 2017 regular City Commission public meeting.

The \$450 penalty is being assessed in accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143.

I understand that by completing this Statement of Understanding, I am acknowledging the violations of RCW 42.17A set forth above, and I am waiving my right to a hearing in this matter.

Gary Cronce

July 30, 2019
Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" and be sure to include the PDC Case number(s) in the memorandum field, and mail or deliver this Statement of Understanding along with your payment to:

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