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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding N. Smith Hagopian PDC Case 160576

I, N. Smith Hagopian, hereby acknowledge that during election year 2024, while a candidate for the position of Superior Court Judge for Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties, I violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using public agency resources to assist my election campaign.

The facts are as follows:

- o I registered with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on May 1, 2024, under the Full Reporting option, as a candidate in the 2024 election for Superior Court Judge, Position 1, for Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties. I declared my candidacy with the WA Secretary of State's office on May 9, 2024.
- On October 30, 2024, while responding to the Complainant with materials for the campaign books of account inspection, I used my public agency email on three occasions that day.

I would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, I acknowledge that I violated Washington state law as described above and agree to enter into this Statement of Understanding (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the PDC.

I understand that, by signing this SOU, I acknowledge the violation of Chapter 42.17A RCW set forth above and waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC will resolve the issue of my use of public agency resources to assist my election campaign, as described in PDC Case 160576.