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Delivered electronically to jimacurtice@yahoo.com

Subject: PDC Case 165918 regarding James (Jim) Curtice

Jim Curtice:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on October 7, 2024. The complaint alleged violations of: RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to accurately disclose information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) report.

Applicable Laws and Rules

<u>RCW 42.17A.710</u> states an elected or appointed official is required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) with the PDC on or before April 15th each year, disclosing accurate personal financial information for themselves and their immediate family, if any, for the preceding calendar year.

Background and Findings

- Your F-1 report filed on February 5, 2024, was missing your board position held in 2023 with Safe Yakima.
- PDC staff reached out to you on January 27, 2025, at your email listed in PDC records.
- On February 24, 2025, PDC staff called to confirm your receipt of the complaint, at which time the complaint was re-sent to you at your personal email of record.
- You stated to PDC staff that there was a misunderstanding of your reporting obligation since you had served part the calendar year and were not serving at the time you filed your F-1 report on February 5, 2024.
- On March 11, 2025, you amended the filing of your 2023 F-1 to include Safe Yakima.

Summary and Resolution

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. After consideration of the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purposes of this chapter. Under WAC 390-37- 060, the executive director, at any time prior to consideration by the commission, may dismiss a complaint which on its face, or as shown by investigation, provides reason to believe that a violation has occurred, but also shows that the respondent

is in substantial compliance with the relevant statutes or rules, or shows that formal enforcement action is not warranted. In this instance, failure to accurately file the annual F-1 report covering 2023 does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), you are receiving a formal written warning concerning your failure to accurately disclose information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) report. PDC staff expects you to timely and accurately file all future required reports. The Commission will consider this 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 has dismissed this matter in accordance with <u>RCW 42.17A.755(1)</u>.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

<u>Electronically signed by Tabitha Townsend</u> Tabitha Townsend Compliance Officer <u>Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee</u> Peter Frey Lavallee Executive Director

cc: Conner Edwards