

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Delivered electronically to Joshua Binda at cmjoshbinda.mgmt@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 166668 regarding Joshua Binda

Johsua Binda:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaints filed by Joe Kunzler and Conner Edwards on January 27, 2025, and January 28, 2025, respectively. The complaints alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to include debt owed of \$2,400 or more on a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report).

Applicable Laws and Rules

<u>RCW 42.17A.710</u> 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, that discloses accurate personal financial information for themselves and their spouse or registered domestic partner, if any, for the preceding calendar year.

Per <u>RCW 42.17A.710</u>, the content of the F-1 report includes, but is not limited to, the following information for the filer and their spouse or registered domestic partner:

- income of \$2,400 or more;
- financial assets and interest income (bank and savings accounts and insurance policies greater than \$24,000 and investments greater than \$2,400);
- Washington State real estate valued at more than \$12,000;
- debt of \$2,400 or more; and
- business associations and organizational interests (e.g. ownership, serving as an officer, director or general partner)

Other reportable information includes compensation received for lobbying activities, if any, gifts (food and beverages) valued at more than \$50, and travel and seminar expenses made by an outside governmental agency.

Background and Findings

- Joshua Binda is a current member of the Lynwood City Council and held this position during calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- As an elected official, Mr. Binda was required to file an annual F-1 report by April 15th disclosing personal financial affairs information for the previous calendar year.
- Joshua Binda submitted original F-1 reports covering calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024 on May 5, 2023, July 29, 2024, and April 15, 2025, respectively. None of these F-1 reports included debt of any kind.
- On May 10, 2025, Mr. Binda amended the F-1 report covering calendar year 2022 disclosing debt owed to Credit Concepts. On April 15, 2025, he amended the F-1 report covering calendar year 2023, timely submitted the F-1 report covering 2024, and disclosed debt owed to IQ Data International and Credit Concepts on both.

Summary and Resolution

It appears that you were not initially aware of the requirement to include debt of \$2,400 or more on your F-1 reports. Staff found no evidence that the omission of debts owed by you was done intentionally or otherwise meant to conceal personal financial information from the public.

You completed a Statement of Understanding (SOU), acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.710 for failing to timely disclose debt owed of \$2,400 or more on F-1 reports covering calendar years 2022 and 2023. The signed SOU resolves the allegations regarding RCW 42.17A.710 listed in this case.

In addition, PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the timely submittal of F-1 reports in accordance with the statutes and 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 Jennifer Hansen 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 Jennifer Hansen</u> Jennifer Hansen Compliance Officer <u>Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee</u> Peter Frey Lavallee Executive Director

cc: Joe Kunzler; Conner Edwards