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August 5, 2025

Delivered electronically to brettjtac@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 173024

Dear Brett Johnson,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the July 24, 2025 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$2500, of which \$1250 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$1250 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **September 4, 2025**.

Online Payment Option:

To make an online payment please respond to the email accompanying this order requesting the payment link.

A payment link will be sent to you, in which you will need to provide the following information: (1) Case Number; and (2) Respondent Name.

Processing fees may apply.

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It is also ordered that you file the missing C-1 and F-1 reports within 30 days of this order.

Please contact the collection agency FAMS directly by calling (855) 706-8200 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation (95219, 109542).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell

PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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8 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 173024

FINAL ORDER

11 BRETT JOHNSON,
12 Respondent.
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15 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on July 24, 2025, by in-person, telephonic, and online streaming access. The
17 hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37
18 WAC.

19 Commissioners present in-person were J. Robert Leach, Commission Chair (presiding);
20 Douglass North, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Nancy Isserlis and James
21 Oswald. Also present both in-person and online were Assistant Attorney General William
22 Schwarz, representing the Commission, Senior Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer and
23 Assistant Attorney General Susie Giles-Klein, representing PDC Staff, and Jordan Campbell,
24 PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and he did not appear
25 on his own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

26 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Memorandum, dated July 16, 2025, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- Enforcement Hearing Notice, PDC Case Number 173024, dated June 27, 2025, for a July 24, 2025, enforcement hearing;
- Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Imposing Fine for PDC Case Number 95219, dated September 13, 2021;
- Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Imposing Fine for PDC Case Number 109542, dated August 11, 2022;

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

This matter involves allegations the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the required Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) covering the previous 12 months prior to becoming a candidate for election year 2025, due within 14 days of becoming a candidate or no later than May 23, 2025. The Respondent has two prior violations with the PDC.

1. The Respondent became a candidate for County Charter Review Commissioner in Pierce County on May 9, 2025.
2. Between May 11, 2025, and May 27, 2025, PDC staff sent email reminders to all registered candidates regarding their missing C-1 and F-1 reports for election year 2025.

1 3. On July 2, 2025, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent a Hearing
2 Notice regarding the missing reports for election year 2025. The notice was
3 sent to the Respondent's email and physical address of record.
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5 4. As of the date of the hearing on July 24, 2025, Respondent has not filed his
6 election year 2025, C-1 and F-1 reports.
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8 5. Respondent has two prior enforcement violations.
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10 a. PDC Case 95219: Respondent was a City Council candidate for
11 the City of Tacoma and failed to file a F-1 report for election year 2021,
12 which was due no later than June 4, 2021. At an August 12, 2021,
13 adjudicative proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) Respondent was
14 found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a civil penalty of
15 \$150. The outstanding \$150 civil penalty has not been paid but the
16 missing F-1 report was filed.

17 b. PDC Case 109542: Respondent was a candidate for State
18 Representative for Legislative District 29 and failed to file a F-1 report
19 for election year 2022, which was due no later than June 3, 2022. At a
20 June 12, 2022, adjudicative proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing)
21 Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a
22 civil penalty of \$500. The outstanding \$500 civil penalty has not been
23 paid and the missing F-1 report for election year 2022 has not been filed.
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II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.
2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700 a candidate for an election year must file a Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) within two weeks of declaring his candidacy for public office.
3. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205 a candidate for an election year must file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) within two weeks of declaring his candidacy for public office.

III. ORDER

This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty for failure to timely file the C-1 report of \$2,500 with \$1,250 suspended. The Respondent is further assessed a civil penalty for failure to timely file the F-1 report of \$2,500 with \$1,250 suspended. Both suspended penalties are subject to the following conditions:

1. a. The non-suspended portion (\$1,250) of the \$2,500 civil penalty for failure to file the C-1 report within two weeks of becoming a candidate for the 2025 election year in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

1 b. The non-suspended portion (\$1,250) of the \$2,500 civil penalty
2 for failure to file the F-1 report within two weeks of becoming a
3 candidate for the 2025 election year in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is
4 paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
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6 c. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC
7 reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further
8 violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years
9 of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be
10 assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or
11 error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a
12 technical correction.
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14 d. The Respondent pays all past due civil penalties and collection
15 costs on prior PDC enforcement matters and files the missing F-1 report
16 for election year 2022, as well as the missing C-1 and F-1 reports for
17 2025 within 30 days of the date of this order.
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- 19 2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within
20 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar
21 year 2025 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection
22 or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the
23 Commission.
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1 SO ORDERED this 4th day of August, 2025.

2 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
3 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

4 FOR THE COMMISSION:

5 J. Robert Leach

6 J. Robert Leach (Aug 4, 2025 15:22:02 PDT)

7 J. Robert Leach,
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

8 *This order sent by email to:*

9 Brett Johnson, Respondent
Bjvad1@aol.com

10 *Hard copies to:*

11 701 E. 72nd St.
Tacoma, WA 98404

12 Jordan Campbell,
PDC Compliance Coordinator,
13 pdc@pdc.wa.gov

14 Susie Giles-Klein,
Assistant Attorney General for PDC Staff
15 susie.gilesklein@atg.wa.gov

I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I emailed a copy of this
order to the Respondent at his respective email address.

Electronically signed by Jordan Campbell August 5, 2025
Signed Date

16 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

17 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
18 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
19 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
20 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

22 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

23 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
24 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
25 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
26 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.