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June 11, 2019

Sent electronically to jlh396@comcast.net

Subject: Complaint filed by Dave Churchman, PDC Case 23103

Dear John Hopkins:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Dave Churchman, concerning a complaint filed July 26, 2017 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging you violated RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to accurately disclose personal financial interests on your Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) and F-1 Supplement Page filed in 2017 covering 2016 activity.

As noted in the letter to Churchman, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of compliance with the requirements regarding what to list on an F-1 and F-1 Supplement as noted in the letter to Dave Churchman.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____

Barbara Sandahl
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Delivered electronically to davechurchman@icloud.com

Subject: Complaint regarding John Hopkins, PDC Case 23103

Dear Dave Churchman:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed July 26, 2017. Your complaint alleged John Hopkins may have violated RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to accurately disclose financial interests on a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) and F-1 Supplement Page filed in 2017, covering 2016 activity.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the F-1 and F-1 Supplement filed by John Hopkins; and the response provided by John Hopkins, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- John L. Hopkins was elected to the Puyallup City Council in a special election in November 2011, and re-elected in 2013, with the term running through 2017.
- He was defeated in November 2017 and no longer serves on the Puyallup City Council.
- As an elected official, Hopkins was required to file an F-1 and if needed, an F-1 Supplement report, by April 15 of each year. The report covers the prior year, with his final reports due April 15, 2018 to cover 2017.
- Filers list all property entirely or partially personally owned on the F-1, and list certain entities, and real estate owned by the entity, on an F-1 Supplement.
- Hopkins filed F-1 and F-1 supplement reports timely each year he was a member of the Puyallup City Council, filing his final F-1 and F-1 Supplement on Jan. 3, 2018.
- In his response, Hopkins stated his F-1 filed on Jan. 29, 2017 "Should have had 109 w Pioneer on it. Was listed previously as 110 w Meeker. Same property as was listed. Just got accidentally dropped."
- He also stated "I will add property address for Main Streetthis is a corporation that produces income. The address of the source of income is 300 N Meridian and 217 N Meridian 98371. Properties in the 200 block of S Meridian have multiple addresses

under the same legal description. All mentioned were included except 109 W Pioneer. This was an oversight. It was included previously but was accidentally omitted in this report. My apologies for the inadvertent inaccuracies.”

- Hopkins noted “Items # 3 and # 4 are not true,” in response to the allegations he owns a condo in downtown Seattle and house and acreage on Canyon Road.
- The Isle of Wright property was not required to be disclosed. Per RCW 42.17A.710(1)(j), only properties in Washington State need to be disclosed.
- Hopkins attempted to amend the reports he originally filed Jan. 29, 2017 in August 2017, however he had technical difficulties. The reports were ultimately amended Dec. 12, 2017.

Based on these findings, and the fact Hopkins is no longer an elected official and timely responded to the complaint, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to list 109 W Pioneer and both legal addresses for Main Street Investments does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding John Hopkins about the importance of reviewing PDC guidance regarding information to list on the F-1 and F-1 Supplement.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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