

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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May 30, 2019

Carla Marconi 703 Yucca St. Coulee Dam, WA 99116

And delivered electronically to "carlamarconi@gcdsd.org"

Subject: PDC Order, Case 38883

Dear Carla Marconi,

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

At its May 23, 2019 meeting, the Commission found Carla Marconi violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), due no later than April 16, 2018, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2017 and assessed a total civil penalty of \$500 of which \$400 is suspended on the following conditions:

(1) The Respondent pays the non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$100) in two \$50 installments, the first being due on June 30, 2019 and the second on July 31, 2019; (2) The Respondent files the missing F-1 reports for 2018, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2017; and for 2017, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2016, by May 31, 2019; (3) The Respondent is in compliance with all PDC reporting requirements and commits no further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC for a period of four years from the date of this Order.

In the event you fail to comply with any of the conditions of this Order, the suspended portion of the penalty (\$400) shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission.

Please make the checks or money orders payable to the **WA State Treasurer**, and mail the payments to the following:

Public Disclosure Commission PO Box 40908 Olympia, WA 98504-0908

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

Sincerely,	
/S	
Alice Fiman	
Compliance Officer	

Enclosure: Final Order

2 3 4 5 6 7 BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON 8 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action PDC CASE NO. 38883 9 Against: ORDER ON RESPONDENT'S 10 REQUEST FOR CARLA MARCONI, RECONSIDERATION 11 Respondent. 12 13 14 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission on May 15 23, 2019, at the PDC office, Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, 16 Washington. Respondent Carla Marconi requested reconsideration of the Commission's Order 17 issued on November 20, 2018, following a Brief Enforcement Hearing (brief adjudicative 18 proceeding) in this matter. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A 19 RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. 20 Commissioners present were Anne Levinson, Commission Chair (presiding); David 21 Ammons, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing, Russell Lehman, and 22 Fred Jarrett. Also present were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the 23 Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Alice 24 Fiman, Compliance Officer. Respondent Carla Marconi participated by telephone. The

proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

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The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Case memorandum dated May 15, 2019, prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- 2. Initial Order and cover letter dated November 20, 2018;
- Printout of Freshdesk ticket conversations reflecting communications between
 Respondent Carla Marconi and PDC Staff between August 8, 2018, and May 15, 2019;
- 4. Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice, dated October 15, 2018;
- 5. Request for reconsideration hearing dated April 5, 2019;
- 6. F-1 Report, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2018, filed on April 15, 2019;
- 7. Reconsideration hearing notice, dated May 10, 2019; and
- 8. Timeline of enforcement activity and service issues.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involved Respondent's request that the Commission reconsider the finding that she violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) which was due to be filed not later than April 16, 2018. Respondent is an incumbent Parks and Recreation Commissioner for Coulee Area Parks & Recreation District who has held office since 2006. She is also an incumbent School Director for Grand Coulee School District #301 who has held office since 2010.

From April to June 2018, PDC staff sent seven email reminders to the Respondent concerning the F-1 report filing requirement. A warning letter was sent by U.S. mail to the Respondent on July 15, 2018, but was returned undeliverable. Hearing notices were sent to various physical addresses and email addresses on August 16, 2018, and August 23, 2018, but were not delivered. A follow-up notice by U.S. Mail and email was sent October 15, 2018, and

that email message was successfully delivered.

On October 25, 2018, a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding was held in which the Presiding Officer found Respondent Carla Marconi in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file an F-1 report certifying financial activity for calendar year 2017. The Respondent did not appear. The Initial Order was entered on November 20, 2018, and sent to the Respondent by U.S. Mail and email. The email message was successfully delivered. The Initial Order became the Final Order on December 20, 2018, and a timely request for reconsideration was not received in accordance with WAC 390-37-150.

Between January 1, 2019 and March 27, 2019 PDC Staff continued to try to contact the Respondent. She finally contacted PDC Staff on March 28, 2019, and explained she had been experiencing delivery issues with her email address and was experiencing financial problems. On April 4, 2019, PDC Staff offered to schedule Respondent for a reconsideration hearing before the Commission on May 23, 2019. Respondent made her request for reconsideration by email on April 5, 2019.

As of the May 23, 2019 hearing, the Respondent had not filed an F-1 report for 2018, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2017. She had also not filed an F-1 report for 2017, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2016, but no action was taking against her for the failure to file that F-1 report. The Respondent filed her F-1 report for 2019, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2018 on April 15, 2019.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A RCW, State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), due no later than April 16, 2018, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2017.

III. ORDER

The Respondent's request for reconsideration is granted. This Amended Order will be the Final Order. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered on October 25, 2018, are affirmed. Of the \$500 penalty assessed in the November 20, 2018, Order, \$400 is suspended on the following conditions:

- 1. Respondent Carla Marconi pays the non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$100) in two \$50 installments, the first being due on June 30, 2019 and the second on July 31, 2019;
- 2. The Respondent files the missing F-1 reports for 2018, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2017, and for 2017, certifying financial activity for calendar year 2016, by May 31, 2019;
- 3. The Respondent is in compliance with all PDC reporting requirements and commits no further violations of Chapter 42.17A. RCW or Title 390 WAC for a period of four years from the date of this Order.

If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order, the suspended portion of the penalty (\$400) shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission.

1	The Executive Director is authorized to enter this Order on behalf of the Commission.
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3	SO ORDERED this 29th day of May, 2019.
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5	DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
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7	Peter Lavallee
8	Executive Director
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12	This order sent by email to: Carla Marconi oldkotsa@gmail.com
13	oldkatsa@gmail.com carlamarconi@gcdsd.org copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective
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