



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Delivered electronically to britkraner@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 95228

Dear Brit Kraner:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the PDC staff generated case alleging that Brit Kraner, a candidate for North Whidbey Park & Recreation District, may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely and accurately file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than June 4, 2021.

PDC staff reviewed the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the previous participation in Brief Enforcement Proceedings on August 12, 2021, and the communications with the Respondent to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700 the Respondent was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than June 4, 2021.
- On July 22, 2021 staff noticed the Respondent of the Brief Adjudicative Proceedings (BAP) scheduled for August 12, 2021.
- The Respondent participated in the BAP on August 12, 2021 via telephone.
- During the proceedings the Respondent disclosed that her spouse was deployed, and this was causing delay in obtaining required information for the completion of the required report, as the spouse has all the assets and debts in their name, and she did not have access to the information.
- In the proceedings the Chair, Fred Jarrett, asked PDC staff to assist the filer and look at her options for filing due to circumstances that were causing difficulties in obtaining required information for the completion of the F-1 report.
- On August 17, 2021 the Respondent contacted the PDC and received assistance for filing the F-1 report.
- On November 22, 2021 PDC staff called the Respondent to assist in completing a draft F-1 report showing pending in the system. At this time the Respondent stated her spouse was back from deployment but that there was now a divorce pending and she still could not obtain the required information to fully complete her F-1 report.
- On Nov. 23, 2021, Island County election officials certified the general election results showing that Kraner lost her race for the park board.

- As of December 30, 2021, the Respondent has not filed the completed F-1 report to cover the prior twelve months from the time of becoming a candidate as required by law.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely and accurately file the F-1 report covering the prior twelve months from the date of becoming a candidate does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Brit Kraner will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely disclosure Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report). This formal written warning includes staff's expectation that you file your Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) with the PDC for the 2021 election cycle that was due within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than June 4, 2021 and in the future, timely and accurately file all PDC reports as required by law.

The Commission will consider the 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 finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Tabitha Townsend

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