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March 25, 2022

Sent electronically to pkardos_jean@yahoo.com

Subject: Complaints filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 104761

Dear Phyllis Kardos:

Below is a copy of the letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed February 20, 2022 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging a violation of RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to report a portion of your income on a financial affairs (F-1) statement for calendar year 2019.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter. This formal written warning comes with staff's expectation you file complete financial affairs statements in the future 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.

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

Sincerely,
/s
Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer
Endorsed by,
/s
Peter Lavallee
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Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed February 20, 2022. Your complaint alleged Phyllis Kardos violated RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to accurately file a financial affairs (F-1) statement, specifically failing to list a \$3,948 payment from the Washington state Department of Natural Resources as 2019 income.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; and the response from Phyllis Kardos, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Phyllis Kardos was a 2020 candidate for Pend Oreille County Commissioner. She was not elected to the position.
- Kardos timely filed a Financial Affairs Disclosure (F-1) with the PDC covering January 14, 2019 to January 13, 2020.
- As noted in the complaint, Kardos's spouse received a \$3,948 grant from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources in 2019.
- On March 21, 2022, Kardos amended the F-1 for 2019, listing income from the Department of Natural Resources earned by a spouse or registered domestic partner between \$0 and \$29,999.
- In response to the complaint, Kardos stated "Upon inspection of my online PDC F1 Candidacy File I did not report this \$3,948.00 payment from the Department of Natural Resources. The fact is it was not even on my radar as a first-time candidate. It was my husband's thinning project and a definite oversight on my part. It certainly was not omitted purposefully, nor was I attempting to hide anything as Mr. Morgan suggested." Kardos also noted the payment "was reported as 1099-Miscellaneous Income on our 2019 IRS Income tax."

• The PDC found no evidence Kardos intended to conceal the amount.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to accurately file the financial affairs statement does not amount to a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Phyllis Kardos will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to comply with PDC requirements as noted in this letter.

The formal written warning will include staff's expectation Phyllis Kardos accurately file all future required financial affairs 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).

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