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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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July 12, 2022

Ronnie Little
14300 SE 171st Way
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Renton WA 98058

And delivered electronically to ronnie751@yahoo.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 108754

Dear Ronnie Little,

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

At the June 23, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$10,000 with \$5,000 suspended in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The penalty of \$5,000 is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **August 11, 2022**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and mail the payment to the following address:

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

It is also ordered that you file the missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021 within 30 days of this order.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violations (PDC Cases 16-039, 16-127, 25923, 80252).

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 Tabitha Townsend
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. 108754

FINAL ORDER

11 RONNIE LITTLE,
12 Respondent.
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15 This matter was heard in-person and remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure
16 Commission (Commission) on June 23, 2022, by telephonic and online streaming access.
17 Respondent Ronnie Little was provided notice on June 13, 2022, of the hearing date. The hearing
18 was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

19 Commissioners present both in-person and online were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair
20 (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Allen Hayward, and
21 Jocelyn Cooney. Also present both telephonically and online were Assistant Attorney General
22 Matthew Kernutt representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer
23 representing PDC Staff, and Tabitha Townsend, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was
24 provided to the Respondent and she did not appear on her own behalf. The proceeding was open
25 to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-25 *et. seq.* and recorded.
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1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 2 1. Case memorandum dated June 15, 2022, prepared by Tabitha Townsend, PDC
- 3 Compliance Coordinator;
- 4 2. Hearing Notice, PDC Case No. 108754, mailed and dated June 13, 2022, and emailed
- 5 to the Respondent's email address of record on June 14, 2022;
- 6 3. Calendar year 2018 F-1 report dated February 28, 2019;
- 7 4. Respondent's filing history as of June 14, 2022;
- 8 5. Print out of outstanding balance owed as of June 14, 2022;
- 9 6. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 80252, entered March 11, 2021;
- 10 7. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 95396, entered November 16, 2021;
- 11 8. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 25923, entered March 5, 2018.

12 13 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

14 The matter involves Respondent Ronnie Little, a Fire Commissioner for King County
15 Fire Protection District #40. Her term expired on December 31, 2021. Respondent is alleged to
16 have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement
17 (F-1 Report) with the Public Disclosure Commission at the end of her term or no later than April
18 15, 2022, disclosing financial information for the calendar year 2021. The Respondent has three
19 prior violations within the last five years.

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21 1. From March 10, 2022, through April 5, 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to
- 22 all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar
- 23 year 2020.
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25 2. On June 13, 2022, PDC Staff served the Respondent by mail, with a hearing
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1 notice for a June 23, 2022, Enforcement Hearing along with instructions on how
2 to participate in the hearing remotely, before the full Public Disclosure
3 Commission concerning her failure to file the F-1 report. The notice was also
4 emailed to the Respondent on June, 14, 2022.
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6 3. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report
7 covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.
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9 4. There is currently an outstanding balance owing of \$6,800 from prior penalties
10 assessed including three cases within the statute of limitations: PDC Case No.
11 25923 for \$1,000; Case No. 80252 for \$1,500; Case No. 95396 for \$4,000. This
12 balance also includes two cases that fall outside of the statute of limitations: PDC
13 Case No. 16-039 for \$150; Case No. 16-127 for \$150. As of June 7, 2022, the
14 entire balance has been transferred to collections for non-payment. No payments
15 have been received on any of these prior civil penalties.
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17 5. There are three prior cases within the statute of limitations for violation of RCW
18 42.17A.700 that apply to this case:
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- 20 • PDC Case 25923. At a February 27, 2018, Enforcement Hearing,
21 the Respondent was found in violations of RCW 42.17A.700 by
22 failing to file an F-1 report for calendar years 2016, which was due
23 not later than April 17, 2017. A total civil penalty was assessed of
24 \$1,000 for the missing F-1 report, in accordance with the F-1
25 penalty schedule in effect at the time. Respondent has not filed the
26 F-1 report and has not paid the civil penalty.

- PDC Case 80252. At a February 25, 2021, Full Enforcement Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2019, which was due not later than April 15, 2020. A total civil penalty of \$1,500 was assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission that was in effect at that time. The Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report and as of June 23, 2022, has not paid the civil penalty.
- PDC Case 95396. At an October 28, 2021, Full Enforcement Hearing the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 and .700 for failing to file C-1 report within two weeks of becoming a candidate and the annual F-1 report for calendar year 2020, which was due not later than April 15, 2021. A total civil penalty of \$4,000 was assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission that was in effect at that time. The Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report and as of June 23, 2022, has not paid the civil penalty.

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, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2021 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2021 no later than April 15, 2022.

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 Commission assesses a civil penalty of \$10,000 for the late filed F-1 Report with \$5,000 suspended on the following conditions:

1. a. The \$5,000 non-suspended portion of the civil penalty due for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2021 in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
- b. The past due civil penalties for failure to timely file the missing C-1 and F-1 reports for calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, and 2020, in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 and .700, totaling \$6,800 are paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
- c. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, and 2021 are filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
- d. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC

1 reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further
2 violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years
3 of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be
4 assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or
5 error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a
6 technical correction.
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- 8 2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within
9 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar
10 year 2021 shall immediately become due without further action by the
11 Commission and all past due penalties may be sent to collections or to Superior
12 Court for enforcement.
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14 SO ORDERED this 12th day of July 2022.
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16 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
17 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

18 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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21 Fred Jarrett,
22 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission
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