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February 16, 2023

Delivered electronically to susannajohnsonforsheriff@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 120712

Dear Susanna Johnson:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, 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.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to timely file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report), disclosing financial activity for the preceding twelve months, within two weeks of becoming a candidate. Staff expects you to file all required reports in future years, in accordance with PDC laws and rules. The Commission will consider this 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 Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith

Tabatha Blacksmith
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Endorsed by,

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Subject: Complaint regarding Susanna Johnson, PDC Case 120712

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on January 26, 2023. The complaint alleged that Susanna Johnson, a 2023 candidate for Snohomish County Sheriff, may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and other relevant information to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Susanna Johnson (the "Respondent") is a candidate for County Sheriff of Snohomish County in election year 2023. She is a first-time candidate and filed a *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) with the PDC on October 31, 2022. The Respondent selected the Full Reporting option on the C-1 report.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700(2), candidates are required to file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) for the preceding twelve months within two weeks of becoming a candidate. Based on the date the Respondent's C-1 report was filed, an F-1 report was due no later than November 14, 2022.
- The Respondent filed a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) with the PDC on January 31, 2023, which is 78 days late. The Respondent quickly took corrective action and filed the F-1 report within 24 hours of being notified of the complaint.
- The Respondent replied to the complaint allegation by email on January 31, 2023 and acknowledged the late filing, apologized for the error, and indicated the F-1 form had been filed.
- The Respondent does not have previous warnings/violations of PDC requirements.

This case is mitigated by the fact that the Respondent is a first-time candidate with no prior violations who made a good-faith effort to comply after being notified of the complaint. The Respondent acknowledged her error, took responsibility for it, and quickly remedied non-compliance by filing the missing F-1 report within 24 hours.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file an F-1 report within two weeks of candidacy does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, Susanna Johnson will receive a formal written warning concerning her failure to timely file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) disclosing financial activity for the preceding twelve months within two weeks of becoming a candidate. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Susanna Johnson timely files all required reports in future years, in accordance with PDC laws and rules. 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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cc: Susanna Johnson