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April 24, 2023

Delivered electronically to egalforseatac@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 122467

Dear Mohamed Egal:

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 and accurately disclose income on your *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report) as noted in the enclosed letter sent to Mr. Morgan. Staff expects you to file complete and accurate financial information on F-1 reports in future years. 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 pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely, Endorsed by,

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Subject: Complaint regarding Mohamed Egal, PDC Case 122467

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on March 2, 2023. The complaint alleged that Mohamed Egal, SeaTac City Council Member and 2025 candidate for the same office, may have violated RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to report income, assets, and his spouse's data on *Personal Financial Affairs Statements* (F-1 reports) filed for reporting periods covering May 1, 2020 to January 7, 2022.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses 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:

- Mohamed Egal (the "Respondent") currently serves as a City Council Member for the
 City of SeaTac with a term begin date of January 1, 2022. The Respondent is also
 registered as a candidate for re-election to SeaTac City Council in election year 2025 and
 filed a *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) with the PDC on January 8, 2022 wherein he
 selected the Full Reporting option.
- The information posted to the City of SeaTac's website for Councilmember Mohamed Egal as of February 20, 2023 stated that the Respondent "lives in SeaTac with his wife, children, and grandchildren." https://www.seatacwa.gov/government/city-council/councilmembers/mohamed-egal
- As an elected official who held office in 2022 and a candidate for election year 2021, the Respondent was required to file *Personal Financial Affairs Statements* (F-1 reports) with the PDC for the twelve months preceding his candidacy and the calendar year preceding his election to office, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700.
- The Respondent filed an F-1 report covering 5/21/20 5/20/21 on June 1, 2021 wherein he reported Rodo Hassan as his spouse or registered domestic partner but did not report any Income and Assets for Ms. Hassan.

- The Respondent filed an F-1 report covering 1/1/21 1/7/22 on April 5, 2022 wherein the only income reported was from City of SeaTac for a City Council Member position that did not begin until the end of the reporting period. The Respondent did not report a spouse or domestic partner or their Income and Assets.
- On March 27, 2023, the Respondent responded to the allegation by email and telephone and indicated that he 1) received unreported income (unemployment benefits) from February to September of 2021; and 2) had reported Rodo Hassan as a spouse or domestic partner on his F-1 report for 5/21/20 5/20/21 in error. Ms. Hassan is not his wife and does not live with him.
- On April 3, 2023, the Respondent amended his F-1 report covering 5/21/20 5/20/21 to omit spousal information and his F-1 report covering 1/1/21 1/7/22 to include the missing unemployment income.
- The City of SeaTac updated its city Councilmember profile page for the Respondent on April 20, 2023 to omit the word "wife."
- The Respondent does not have previous warnings or violations of PDC requirements.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the Respondent's failure to disclose unemployment income and spousal reporting error on F-1 reports do not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, Mohamed Egal will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to timely and accurately disclose income on his *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1 report). The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Mohamed Egal timely file complete and accurate financial information on F-1 reports in future years. 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: Mohamed Egal