

## State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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July 10, 2023

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Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Cases 122467 & 136616

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, business associations, and ownership interest in a corporation 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. This amends your previous warning letter, issued April 24, 2023, which also concerned the content of your F-1 reports pursuant to RCW 42.17A.710.

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 Cases 122467 & 136616

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed on March 2, 2023 and May 4, 2023. The complaints 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 disclose income, assets, his spouse's data, business associations, and ownership interest in those businesses on *Personal Financial Affairs Statements* (F-1 reports) filed for reporting periods covering May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by Mohamed Egal (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:

- 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." <a href="https://www.seatacwa.gov/government/city-council/councilmembers/mohamed-egal">https://www.seatacwa.gov/government/city-council/councilmembers/mohamed-egal</a>
- 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, the calendar year preceding his election to office, and calendar year 2022 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 or 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 disclosed was from City of SeaTac for the Respondent's City Council Member position, which did not begin until the end of the reporting period. The Respondent did not disclose any other income for himself. The Respondent did not identify a spouse or domestic partner on this report or disclose their income or assets.
- In response to your March 2, 2023 complaint, staff opened PDC Case 122467 on March 14, 2023 to address the allegations of missing income, assets, and spousal data on the Respondent's F-1 reports covering the reporting periods of 5/21/20 1/7/22. This information is required pursuant to RCW 42.17A.710.
- On March 27, 2023, the Respondent responded to the allegations made in the first complaint 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 remove erroneous spousal information and his F-1 report covering 1/1/21 1/7/22 to include the missing unemployment income.
- On April 4, 2023, the Respondent filed his F-1 report covering calendar year 2022 activity.
- The City of SeaTac updated its city Councilmember profile page for the Respondent on April 20, 2023 to omit the word "wife."
- On April 24, 2023, staff resolved PDC Case 122467 and issued the Respondent a formal written warning letter concerning his failure to timely and accurately disclose income on his F-1 reports pursuant to RCW 42.17A.710. At that time, the Respondent did not have previous warnings or violations of PDC requirements.
- In response to your May 4, 2023 complaint, staff opened PDC Case 136616 on May 10, 2023 to address the additional allegations regarding missing business associations and ownership interest on the Respondent's F-1 reports covering 5/21/20 5/20/21, 1/1/21 1/7/22, and calendar year 2022; this information is required pursuant to RCW 42.17A.710.
- On May 18, 2023, the Respondent reached out to PDC staff by telephone regarding the additional allegations and confirmed that he is an officer or director of 1) the for-profit corporation Somali Community Seniors Center, in which he has ownership interest; and 2) the non-profit corporation Perihelion Community Solutions. The Respondent said there has been no activity for Somali Community Seniors Center since its formation and asked if it should be disclosed on the F-1 report. PDC staff advised the Respondent to disclose the relationship on reports so long as it exists, regardless of the corporation's activity level. Washington State Secretary of State, Corporations Division records show that Somali Community Seniors Center incorporated on 7/14/2020 and Perihelion Community Solutions incorporated on 8/8/2022.

- On May 24, 2023, the Respondent provided additional information by email indicating that Somali Community Seniors Center and Perihelion Community Solutions had not provided any services to their target audiences or earned any income for the last three years.
- Between May 24, 2023 and June 27, 2023, the Respondent amended his F-1 reports covering 5/21/20 5/20/21, 1/1/21 1/7/22, and calendar year 2022 to disclose his business association with, and ownership interest in, Somali Community Seniors Center. The F-1 report for 2022 was also amended to include the Respondent's business association with the non-profit Perihelion Community Solutions.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the Respondent's spousal reporting error and failure to disclose unemployment income, business associations, and ownership interest in a corporation 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, business associations, and ownership interest in a corporation 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. **This amends our previous warning letter, issued April 24, 2023, which also concerned the content of the Respondent's F-1 reports pursuant to RCW 42.17A.710.** 

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