

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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September 7, 2023

Charles Mister, Jr. 705 47th St SE Apt 91, Everett WA 98203

And delivered electronically to charlesmister 1954@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 139594

Dear Charles Mister, Jr.,

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

At the August 24, 2023 Full Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$1000, of which \$500 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$500 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **October 7, 2023**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and <u>mail</u> 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 C-1 reports from 2023 and 2021 within 30 days of this order, which is **October 7, 2023**

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation (PDC Case 95331).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

<u>Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell</u> 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	PDC CASE NO. 139594	
10	Against:	FINAL ORDER	
11 12	CHARLES MISTER, JR.,		
13	Respondent.		
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17	This matter was board by the Weshington	State Dublic Disclosure Commission	
18	This matter was heard by the Washington (Commission) on August 24, 2023, by in-person, telepl		
19	hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05		
20	WAC.	and 42.1711 New, and enapter 570 57	
21		Isserlis, Commission Chair (presiding):	
22	Commissioners present in-person were Nancy Isserlis, Commission Chair (presiding); Allen Hayward, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Fred Jarrett and J. Robert Leach.		
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24	representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Susie Giles-Klein representing PDC		
25	Staff, and Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the		
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Respondent and he did not appear on his own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Notice of Administrative Charges and Report of Investigation dated August 16, 2023,
 prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- Amended Hearing Notice for PDC Case 139594 dated August 14, 2023;
- Initial Order for PDC Case 95331 dated September 13, 2021.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

This matter involves allegations the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to file the required Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) within two weeks of declaring his candidacy for public office in the 2023 election year, as required by law. The Respondent has one prior violation with the PDC.

- 1. On May 16, 2023, the Respondent became a candidate for School Director for the Everett School District.
- 2. From May 18, 2023, through June 1, 2023, PDC staff sent email reminders to all candidates regarding their missing C-1 and F-1 reports that are due within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than June 2, 2023.
- 3. On August 3, 2023, and August 14, 2023, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent a Hearing Notice for an August 24, 2023, Commission hearing regarding the missing C-1 report. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's email and address of record.

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- 4. The missing C-1 report was filed after August 16, 2023, but before the Commission Hearing on August 24, 2023.
- 5. Respondent has one prior enforcement matter:
 - a. PDC Case 95331. Respondent was a candidate for School Director at the Everett School District and failed to file his C-1 and F-1 reports for election year 2021, which was due no later than June 4, 2021. At an August 12, 2021, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 and .700 and assessed a \$400 penalty with \$150 suspended provided the conditions of the order were met within 30 days of the date of the order, the outstanding civil penalties were paid within 30 days of the date of the order, and there were no further violations. Respondent has paid \$250 of the assessed \$400 penalty leaving \$150 unpaid. He has filed the missing F-1 report for election year 2021, but has not filed the missing C-1 report.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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.

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2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205, a candidate for an election year must file a Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) within two weeks of declaring his candidacy for public office.

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 Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 with \$500 suspended on the following conditions:

- a. The non-suspended portion (\$500) of the \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file the C-1 report within two weeks of becoming a candidate for the 2023 election year in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - b. The missing C-1 Report due within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than June 2, 2023, is filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - c. The missing C-1 report for election year 2021, is filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order and the unpaid balance of the \$150 civil penalty, plus any collection costs, is paid within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - d. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years

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1	of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be		
2	assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or		
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4	error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.		
5	technical correction.		
6	2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within		
7	30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar		
8	year 2023 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection		
9	or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the		
10	Commission.		
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12	GO OPPUPED 41: 74 1 CG + 1 2022		
13	SO ORDERED this <u>7th</u> day of September 2023.		
14	WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION		
15	FOR THE COMMISSION:		
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17	Nancy Isseriis (Sep 5, 2023 14:50 PDT)		
18	Nancy Isserlis, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission		
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20	This order sent by email to:		
21	Charles Mister, Jr., Respondent I, <u>Jordan Campbell</u> , certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective email address.		
22	charles.mister1954@gmail.com Jordan Campbell Jordan Campbell (Sep 5, 2023 15:00 PDT) September 7, 2023		
23	Hard copies to: 705 47 th St. SE Apt. 91		
24	Everett, WA 98203		
25	Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator,		
	pdc@pdc.wa.gov		
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NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested. Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908. **NOTICE:** PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.