

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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September 7, 2023

Dustin Kraft 17711 Rhodes Lake Rd E Bonney Lake WA 98391-8108

And delivered electronically to votekraft@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 140324

Dear Dustin Kraft,

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 \$2,000, of which \$1,000 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$1,000 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 F-1 reports from 2021 and 2022 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 110467).

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 Tabitha Townsend</u> PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 8 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON 9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action PDC CASE NO. 140324 Against: 10 FINAL ORDER 11 DUSTIN KRAFT, 12 Respondent. 13 14 15 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission 16 (Commission) on August 24, 2023, by in-person, telephonic, and online streaming access. The 17 hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 18 WAC. 19 Commissioners present in-person were Nancy Isserlis, Commission Chair (presiding); 20 Allen Hayward, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Fred Jarrett and J. Robert Leach. 21 Also present both in-person and online were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader 22 representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Susie Giles-Klein representing PDC 23 Staff, and Tabitha Townsend, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the 24 Respondent and he did not appear on his own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public 25 and recorded.

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The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Notice of Administrative Charges and Report of Investigation dated August 16, 2023,
 prepared by Tabitha Townsend, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- Amended Hearing Notice for PDC Case 140324 dated August 11, 2023;
- Initial Order for PDC Case 110467 dated September 29, 2022.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Respondent, Dustin Kraft, is an elected or appointed official and candidate for Fire Commissioner for Clallam Fire Protection District 01. The Respondent was first elected or appointed to that office on January 1, 2017. This matter involves allegations the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the required Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2022 on or before April 17, 2023, as required by law. The Respondent has one prior violation with the PDC.

- On May 19, 2023, the Respondent became a candidate for reelection as Fire Commissioner for Clallam County Fire Protection District 01;
- 2. In March and April, 2023, PDC staff sent email reminders to all officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2022;
- 3. From May 18, 2023, through June 1, 2023, PDC staff sent email reminders to all candidates regarding their missing F-1 reports for election year 2023;
- On August 3, 2023, and August 11, 2023, PDC staff mailed and emailed the
 Respondent a Hearing Notice regarding the missing F-1 report for calendar year

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2022. The Hearing Notice was sent to the Respondent's email and address of record.

- 5. As of the date of the Commission Hearing the Respondent had not filed the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2022.
- 6. Respondent has one prior enforcement matter:
 - a. PDC Case 110467. The Respondent was a Fire Commissioner for Clallam County Fire Protection District 01 and failed to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2021, which was due no later than April 15, 2022. At a September 1, 2022, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$500 penalty with \$250 suspended under the condition that the reports were filed and the non-suspended portion of the penalty was paid within 30 days of the date of the Initial Order. The outstanding civil penalty has not been paid and the F-1 report has not been filed.

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.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2022 was required to file a financial affairs statement (F-1 Report), disclosing financial information for calendar year 2022 no later than April 17, 2023.

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 \$2,000 with \$1,000 suspended on the following conditions:

- 1. a. The non-suspended portion (\$1,000) of the \$2,000 civil penalty for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2022 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 penalty for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2021, in violation of RC 42.17A.700, totaling \$500 plus any collection fees, is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this final order.
 - c. The missing F-1 Reports for calendar years 2021 and 2022 due no later than April 15, 2022, and April 17, 2023, respectively, are filed 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

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		
3	error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a		
4	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 ODDEDED 11: 51 1 000		
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 Is erlis (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	Dustin Kraft, Respondent I, <u>Tabitha Townsend</u> , certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective email		
22	dustin.kraft@clallamfire1.org address.		
23	Hard copies to: P.O. Box 1491 September 7, 2023 Signed Date		
	Forks, WA 98331 Signed Date		
24	Tabitha Townsend,		
25	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.