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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding

Edward O Prince, Jr.: PDC Case 149614

I, Edward O Prince Jr., hereby acknowledge that as a 2023 declared candidate for the office of City Councilmember for the City of Renton, I filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) with the PDC, selecting the Full Reporting Option for the 2023 election cycle. I subsequently violated **RCW 42.17A.235** by failing to timely file the 7-Day Pre-General Election Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report (C-4 Report), as required for a 2023 candidate appearing on the November 7, 2023 general election ballot.

- On December 12, 2022, Edward O Prince Jr. filed a Candidate Registration for the 2023 election cycle declaring his candidacy for City Councilmember, Position #5 for the City of Renton and selecting the Full Reporting Option.
- **RCW 42.17A.235** requires 2023 candidates registered with the PDC under the Full Reporting Option to timely file C-4 reports, including the 2023 21-Day and 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 reports, and the Post-General Election C-4 report, regardless of the amount, or lack of any contribution and expenditure activities. For the 2023 election cycle, a 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report to be filed on October 31, 2023, covering the period October 17 through October 30, 2023
- Edward O Prince Jr. filed the information required to be disclosed on the 7-Day Pre-General C-4 report 22 days late on November 22, 2023, and 15 days after the November 7, 2023 general election. The report covered the period October 17 through November 30, 2023, and combined the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 and the Post-General Election C-4 reports information into one report.
- The C-4 report disclosed late, \$16,126 in Campaign expenditures that included political advertising and consulting services undertaken by his Campaign that included almost \$14,600 for consulting/advertising mailings and \$1,526 for yard signs and text messaging advertisements.

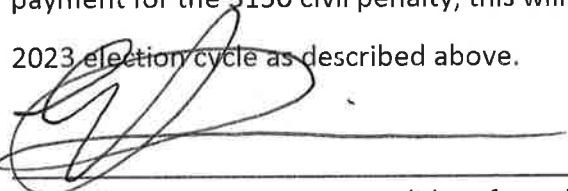
- Edward O Prince Jr. failed to timely file the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report for the 2023 election as noted above (RCW 42.17.235).

I would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing).

Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, I acknowledge that I violated Washington State law as described above and agree to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings and set forth in WAC 390-37-143, I agree to pay a \$150 civil penalty for an acknowledged violation of RCW 42.17A.235 for failing to timely file the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report as referenced above during the 2023 election cycle.

I understand that by signing this SOU, I acknowledge that I violated RCW 42.17A.235 and waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that by signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$150 civil penalty, this will resolve the issue concerning the late filed C-4 report for the 2023 election cycle as described above.



Edward O Prince Jr., 2023 Candidate for public office in WA state

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Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the "**Washington State Treasurer**" and be sure to include the PDC Case number in the memorandum field. After you sign this Statement of Understanding, please mail it, or deliver in person along with your \$150 check or money order for the civil penalty to:

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