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Christal Olivia Irwin
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COLVILLE, WA 99114

August 9, 2024

And delivered electronically to jetcityjustice@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 155479

Dear Christal Olivia Irwin,

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

At the July 25, 2024 Full Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$2000, of which \$1000 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$1000 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is September 9, 2024.

Online Payment Option:

To make an online payment email payments@pdc.wa.gov.

A payment link will be sent to you, in which you will need to provide the following information: (1) Case Number; and (2) Respondent Name. Please note Processing fees may apply.

To mail a check or money order, make it payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" and be sure to include the PDC Case Number 155491 in the memorandum field.

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It is also ordered that you file the missing C-1 and F-1 reports within 30 days of this order, which is September 9, 2024.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation (PDC Case 139567).

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

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell

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
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 155479

FINAL ORDER

11 CHRISTAL OLIVIA IRWIN,

12 Respondent.
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15 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on July 25, 2024, 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 Allen Hayward, Commission Chair (presiding);
20 J. Robert Leach; Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Douglass North and James
21 Oswald. Commissioner Nancy Isserlis recused herself. Also present both in-person and online
22 were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Senior Assistant
23 Attorney General Chad Standifer and Assistant Attorney General Susie Giles-Klein, representing
24 PDC Staff, and Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the
25 Respondent and she appeared on her own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public and
26 recorded.

1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 2 • Memorandum, dated July 17, 2024, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance
- 3 Officer;
- 4 • Enforcement Hearing Notice, PDC Case Number 155479, dated June 21, 2024, for a July
- 5 25, 2024, enforcement hearing;
- 6 • Enforcement Hearing Notice, PDC Case Number 155479, dated July 15, 2024, for a July
- 7 25, 2024, enforcement hearing;
- 8 • Email exchange between PDC staff and the Respondent, dated May 23, and May 25,
- 9 2024;
- 10 • PDC response denying request for hardship exemption from the electronic filing
- 11 requirements dated August 21, 2023.

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13 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

14 This matter involves allegations the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW
15 42.17A.700(2) by failing to file the required Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) and Personal
16 Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) within two weeks of declaring her candidacy for public
17 office in the 2024 election year, as required by law. The Respondent has one prior violation with
18 the PDC.

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20 1. The Respondent became a write-in Superior Court Judicial candidate for
- 21 Ferry/Pend Oreille/Stevens County on May 14, 2024.
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- 23 2. On May 22, 2024, PDC staff sent email reminders to all declared candidates
- 24 regarding their missing C-1 and F-1 reports for election year 2024.
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- 1 3. On May 31, 2024, PDC staff emailed and mailed warning letters to all declared
2 candidates regarding their missing C-1 and F-1 reports for election year 2024.
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- 4 4. On June 21, 2024, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent a hearing
5 notice regarding the missing reports for election year 2024. This hearing notice
6 was sent to the Respondent's email and address of record.
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- 8 5. On July 15, 2024, PDC staff emailed the Respondent an amended hearing notice
9 informing her of the time of the hearing.
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- 11 6. As of the date of the hearing on July 25, 2024, Respondent has not filed her
12 election year 2024, C-1 and F-1 reports.
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- 14 7. On May 23, 2024, the Respondent requested a hardship exemption. Based on
15 the lack of information provided as to why a hardship was warranted, the
16 exemption was denied. This is the Respondent's second denial of a hardship
17 due to lack of information. The first was by letter and dated August 21, 2023.
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- 19 8. Respondent has one prior enforcement violation.
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 - 21 a. PDC Case 139567. Respondent was a City Council candidate
22 for the City of Colville. On August 9, 2023, the Respondent requested
23 a hardship exemption from the electronic filing requirement which was
24 denied for lack of information. The Respondent also failed to file a F-1
25 report for election year 2023, which was due no later than June 2, 2023.
26 The City of Colville had too few registered voters to require candidates

1 to file a C-1 report. At an August 17, 2023, adjudicative proceeding
2 (Brief Enforcement Hearing) Respondent was assessed a civil penalty of
3 \$250. The outstanding \$250 civil penalty has not been paid and the
4 missing F-1 report has not been filed.
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6 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 7 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
8 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05
9 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.
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- 11 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205, a candidate for an election year must file a
12 Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) within two weeks of declaring her
13 candidacy for public office.
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- 15 3. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700(2) a candidate for an election year must file a
16 Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) within two weeks of declaring her
17 candidacy for public office.
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- 19 4. All -persons required to file reports under this chapter must file them
20 electronically where the commission has provided an electronic option. The
21 Executive Director may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis for persons
22 who lack the ability to file reports electronically. RCW 42.17A.055(2).
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- 1 5. A person seeking an exception must electronically file with the executive
2 director of the PDC a written statement of the reasons why the person lacks the
3 ability to file electronically. WAC 390-19-050.
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6 **III. ORDER**

7 This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and
8 aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Respondent is
9 assessed a civil penalty for failure to timely file the C-1 report of \$1,000 with \$500 suspended.
10 The Respondent is further assessed a civil penalty for failure to timely file the F-1 report of
11 \$1,000 with \$500 suspended on the following conditions:

- 12 1. a. The non-suspended portion (\$500) of the \$1,000 civil penalty for
13 failure to file the C-1 report within two weeks of becoming a candidate
14 for the 2024 election year in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and RCW
15 42.17A.205 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this
16 Final Order.
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18 b. The non-suspended portion (\$500) of the \$1,000 civil penalty for
19 failure to file the F-1 report within two weeks of becoming a candidate
20 for the 2024 election year in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and RCW
21 42.17A.205 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this
22 Final Order.
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24 c. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC
25 reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further
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violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.

2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar year 2024 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the Commission.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of August, 2024.

WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Allen Hayward,
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

This order sent by email to:

Christal Olivia Irwin, Respondent
jetcityjustice@gmail.com

Hard copies to:
1331 E. Ivy Ave.
Colville, WA 99114

Jordan Campbell,
PDC Compliance Officer,
pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Susie Giles-Klein,
Assistant Attorney General for PDC Staff
susie.gilesklein@atg.wa.gov

I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I mailed and emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at her respective mailing and email address of record.

Electronically signed by Jordan Campbell August 8, 2024

Signed

Date

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2 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

3 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
4 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
5 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
6 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
7 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

8 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

9 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
10 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
11 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
12 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.
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