

# State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Sandi Lytle 634 Del Guzzi Dr, Port Angeles WA 98362 November 6, 2024

And delivered electronically to EMAIL

Subject: PDC Order, Case 155492 Reconsideration

Dear Sandi Lytle,

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

At the October 24, 2024 Full Enforcement hearing, the Commission reviewed the penalty assessed at the July 11, 2024 Brief Enforcement Proceeding

The result of this request for reconsideration is that the request is Approved. on the condition that the Respondent submit a termination statement which has been supplied to the Respondent by mail (mailed October 28, 2024) within 30 days of the date of this order which is December 5, 2024. As such, the order dated August 9, 2024 has been Vacated on the conditions outlined above have been met. If the conditions outlined above are not met, the \$500 Penalty will be due immediately.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at <a href="mailto:pdc.wa.gov">pdc.wa.gov</a>

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell

PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

## 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. 155492 Against: 10 FINAL ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION 11 SANDI LYTLE, 12 Respondent. 13 14 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission 15 (Commission) on October 24, 2024, by in-person, telephonic, and online streaming access. 16 Respondent Sandi Lytle requested reconsideration of the Presiding Officer's order entered on 17 August 9, 2024, following a Brief Enforcement Hearing (Brief Adjudicative Proceeding) on July 18 11, 2024, in this matter. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A 19 RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC. 20 Commissioners present both in-person and online were Allen Hayward, Commission 21 Chair (presiding); J. Robert Leach, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Nancy Isserlis, 22 Douglass North, and James Oswald. Also present both in-person and online were Assistant 23 Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Senior Assistant Attorney 24 General Chad Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance 25

Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and she did appear on her own behalf.

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The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Case memorandum dated October 16, 2024, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice, served June 18, 2024;
- Initial Order Imposing Fine, entered August 9, 2024;
- Respondent's request for reconsideration, dated September 22, 2024;
- Reconsideration Hearing Notice, served October 8, 2024.

#### I. FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondent requested that the Commission reconsider an Initial Order entered on August 9, 2024, resulting from an Initial Hearing on July 11, 2024. The matter involves Sandi Lytle, a candidate for County Charter Review Commissioner in Clallam County, who failed to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1), and a Candidate Registration (C-1 Report), which were due to be filed within two weeks of candidacy or no later than May 24, 2024. The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC.

- 1. Between May 7, 2024, and May 22, 2024, PDC staff sent email reminders to all candidates seeking office for the calendar year 2024 with outstanding C-1 and/or F-1 reports.
- 2. On May 24, 2024, the Respondent contacted the PDC regarding terminating her candidacy. Between May 24, 2024, and June 30, 2024, PDC staff made numerous attempts to provide the Respondent with a termination statement.

  The Respondent did not respond to these attempts.

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- 3. On June 18, 2024, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent a hearing notice for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to be held on July 11, 2024. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's mailing and email address of record.
- 4. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 11, 2024, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely file the missing Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) and the missing Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) within two weeks of candidacy or no later than May 24, 2024, and was assessed a \$500 penalty consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission.
- 5. On August 9, 2024, the Respondent was served with the July 11, 2024, Initial Order memorializing the Commission's ruling to the Respondent's mail and email addresses of record.
- 6. On September 22, 2024, the Respondent requested reconsideration because she had spoken to the County and the PDC in order to remove her name from the ballot, had difficulty accessing the Internet and electronically submitting the required termination statement, and had health problems including hand surgery.
- 7. On October 10, 2024, PDC staff served the Respondent by mail and email with a hearing notice for an October 24, 2024, Reconsideration Hearing before the

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Public Disclosure Commission, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.

### 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.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205, a candidate for an election year must file a
   Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) within two weeks of candidacy or no later
   than May 24, 2024.
- 3. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, a candidate for elected office in 2024 was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or not later than May 24, 2024.

#### III. ORDER

This Order on Reconsideration will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the request for Reconsideration is GRANTED, and the Initial Order imposing a civil penalty of \$500, served on August 9, 2024, is VACATED on the following conditions:

 a. A PDC Termination Statement is signed by the Respondent and includes a promise that even if elected the Respondent would not serve in the position of County Charter Commissioner for Clallam County.

1	The signed statement shall be filed with the PDC within 30 days of the			
2	date of this Order and paper copy filing is authorized.			
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4	h The Regnandant remains in full compliance with all PDC			
5	b. The Respondent remains in run compliance with an FDC			
6	reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further			
7	violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years			
8	of the date of this Final Order on Reconsideration. The suspended penalty			
9	shall not be assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor			
10	violation, or error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address			
11	by a technical correction.			
12	2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within			
13	30 days of the date of this order, the vacated penalty for calendar year 2024 shall			
14	immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection or brought to			
15	Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the Commission.			
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17	SO ORDERED this 6th day of November 2024.			
18	WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC			
19	DISCLOSURE COMMISSION			
20	FOR THE COMMISSION:			
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22	Allen Hayward, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission			
23	This order sent by email to:			
24	Sandi Lytle, Respondent  I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I emailed and mailed a			
25	634 Del Guzzi Drive copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective email and mailing address.			
26	Lytlesandra59@gmail.com  Jordan Campbell November 6, 2024			
	Signed Date			

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