

# State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Robert Pruneda 1420 E Fern St, Othello WA 99344 December 20, 2024

And delivered electronically to robspruneda@yahoo.com

Subject: Robert Pruneda PDC Order, Case 162544

Dear Robert Pruneda,

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

At the December 12, 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 January 22, 2025.

# **Online Payment Option:**

To make an online payment email <u>payments@pdc.wa.gov.</u>

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 162544 in the memorandum field.

### For Regular Mail:

Public Disclosure Commission PO Box 40908 Olympia, WA 98504-0908

## For Overnight Mail or In-Person Delivery:

Public Disclosure Commission 711 Capitol Way S, STE 206 Olympia, WA 98501-1267

It is also ordered that you file the missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2021 and 2023 within 30 days of this order, which is January 22, 2025.

Please use the above methods to pay the outstanding penalties from your prior violations (PDC Cases 95426 and 110555).

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

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell

PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

# 2 3 4 5 6 7 BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON 8 9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action PDC CASE NO. 162544 Against: 10 FINAL ORDER 11 ROBERT PRUNEDA, 12 Respondent. 13 14 This matter was heard in-person and remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure 15 Commission (Commission) on December 12, 2024, by in-person, telephonic, and online 16 streaming access. Respondent Robert Pruneda was provided notice on November 19, 2024, of 17 the hearing date and did not appear on his own behalf. The hearing was held in accordance with 18 Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC. 19 Commissioners present in-person were Allen Hayward, Commission Chair (presiding); 20 J. Robert Leach, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Nancy Isserlis, Douglass North, 21 and James Oswald. Also present both in-person and online were Assistant Attorney General 22 John S. Meader representing the Commission, Senior Assistant Attorney General Chad 23 Standifer, representing PDC Staff, and Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator. The 24

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proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

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The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Case memorandum dated December 4, 2024, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- 2. Enforcement Hearing Notice, PDC Case No. 162544, mailed, emailed, and dated November 19, 2024;
- 3. PDC Initial order, Case 95426, dated September 13, 2021;
- 4. PDC Final order, Case 110555, dated November 17, 2022.

## I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involves Respondent Robert Pruneda, a Commissioner for Adams County Parks and Recreation District 1, in calendar year 2023. Respondent is alleged to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) with the Public Disclosure Commission no later than April 15, 2024, disclosing financial information for the calendar year 2023. The Respondent has two prior violations within the last five years.

- Between March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 23, 2024, PDC staff emailed seven reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2023.
- 2. On November 19, 2024, PDC Staff served the Respondent by email and mail, with a hearing notice for a December 12, 2024, Enforcement Hearing before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2023.

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- 3. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2023 that was due no later than April 15, 2024.
- 4. There are two prior cases for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:
  - PDC Case 95426. At an August 12, 2021, Brief Enforcement Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file the C-1 and F-1 reports for calendar year 2021, which was due not later than June 4, 2021. A civil penalty of \$500 was assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission that was in effect at that time. The Respondent has not filed the missing C-1 or F-1 reports or paid the civil penalty.
  - PDC Case 110555. At an October 27, 2022, Enforcement Hearing before the full Commission, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2021, which was due not later than April 15, 2022. A total civil penalty of \$1,500 was assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission that was in effect at that time. The Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report and has not paid the civil penalty.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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- 1. 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.
- 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2023 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2023 no later than April 15, 2024.

### 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 Commission assesses a civil penalty of \$2,000 for the late filed F-1 report, with \$1000 suspended, on the following conditions:

- a. The \$1,000 non-suspended portion of the civil penalty due for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2023 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 penalties for failure to timely file the F-1 reports for calendar years 2021 and 2022, in violation of RCW 42.17A.700, totaling \$2,000, plus any collection fees, is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

1	c. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2021 and 2023, are filed
2	within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
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4	d. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting
5	requirements and is not found to have committed any further violations of
6	Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date of this
7	Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely upon any
8	remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the Commission as
9	appropriate to address by a technical correction.
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11	2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1)(a-c) of this order
12	within 30 days of the date of this order, or does not remain in full compliance
13	with Section III(1)(d), the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar year 2023
14	shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission and all
15	past due penalties may be sent to collection or to Superior Court for enforcement.
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17	SO ORDERED this 20 day of December, 2024.
18	WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
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22	Allen Hayward, Chair / Public Disclosure Commission
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2	This order sent by mail and email to:			
$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$	Robert Pruneda, Respondent, 1420 E. Fern St.	I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I mailed and emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective mailing and email address.		
4	Othello, WA 99344 robspruneda@yahoo.com			
5	Jordan Campbell,	Electronically signed by Jordan Campbell December 20, 2024 Signed Date		
6	PDC Compliance Coordinator, Jordan.campbell@pdc.wa.gov			
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11	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.			
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16	NOTICE: <u>PETITION FOR JUDIO</u>			
	You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition fo 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			
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18	the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.			
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