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1/22/2018

Delivered electronically to "electmaxbrown@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 20949

Dear Maxwell Brown:

Attached is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Jim Lazar concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Jim Lazar, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the timely and accurate disclosure of the information that is required on the F-1 personal financial affairs statement and all future PDC reports.

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s_____ Micaiah Ragins Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s_____ Peter Lavallee Executive Director



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1/8/2018

Delivered electronically to "jim@jimlazar.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Maxwell Brown, PDC Case 20949

Dear Jim Lazar:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on June 1, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Maxwell Brown may have violated RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to itemize assets on the F-1 personal financial affairs statement with a value code of C.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- Maxwell Brown neglected to itemize assets with a value of more than \$2,000 as required by RCW 42.17A.710.
- Maxwell Brown did not discover the complaint until November 3, 2017 due to an administrative error with his email address.
- Maxwell Brown amended his F-1 report to include unreported assets when he discovered the complaint in the Olympian newspaper.
- Maxwell Brown is a first-time candidate and does not have previous violations in fulfilling PDC requirements.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to accurately file the candidate F-1 report does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Maxwell Brown about the importance of the timely and accurate disclosure of the information that is required on the F-1 personal financial affairs statement and all future PDC reports.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at <u>micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov</u>.

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cc: Maxwell Brown