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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Anne Blair  
16650 Agate Point Road NE  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17

Anne Blair

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 12-156

Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions of Law, and  
**Order Imposing Fine**

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held October 2, 2012, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether Anne Blair violated RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by failing to timely file Summary Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 report) disclosing expenditure activities undertaken by her campaign.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair Jennifer Joly was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent participated in person and provided testimony that was considered by the Presiding Officer.

A brief enforcement hearing notice was sent to Anne Blair on September 21, 2012. Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was a first-time candidate seeking election to the office of Bainbridge City Council in 2011. She filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) on June 20, 2011, selecting the Full Reporting option.
2. Under the Full Reporting Option, the Respondent was required to file Summary Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 report) as follows: (1) A 21-day pre-general election C-4 report on October 18, 2011, covering the period September 1 through October 17, 2011; (2) A 7-day pre-general election C-4 report on November 1, 2011, covering the period October 18 through October 31, 2011; and (3) A post-general election C-4 report by December 10, 2011, covering the period November 1 through November 30, 2011.

3. The Respondent filed a C-4 report on November 1, 2011, for the month of July, 2011 disclosing a \$46 in-kind contribution and \$871 in expenditures. The July C-4 report was due on August 10, 2011, and was filed 83 days late.
4. The Respondent filed a C-4 report on November 1, 2011, for the month of August, 2011, disclosing \$3,270 in monetary contributions, and \$2,080 in expenditures. The August C-4 report was due on September 10, 2011, and was filed 52 days late, and one week before the general election.
5. The Respondent filed a 21-day pre-general election C-4 report on November 1, 2011, covering the period September 1 through October 17, 2011, disclosing \$3,270 in monetary contributions, and \$2,190 in expenditures. The C-4 report was due on October 18, 2011, and was filed 14 days late, and one week before the general election.
6. The Respondent filed a 7-day pre-general election C-4 report on November 4, 2011, covering the period October 17 through October 31, 2011, disclosing \$1,750 in monetary contributions, and no expenditures. The C-4 report was due on November 1, 2011, and was filed three days late.
7. The Respondent stated that she accepted responsibility for the late-filed reports and apologized for them. She said the campaign happened to coincide with a difficult and demanding period in her treasurer's personal life. She said her treasurer was frequently out of town dealing with family matters during the campaign.
8. The Respondent stated she was not aware of her treasurer's time constraints, or that her treasurer was only filing the Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 report). She stated that all of the missing reports were filed before the election. She said the late-filed reports were not an attempt to deceive the public.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concluded as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by failing to timely file Summary Contribution and Expenditure reports disclosing expenditure activities undertaken by her campaign.

#### ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$200, of which \$100 is suspended on the following conditions:**

Findings, Conclusions & Order

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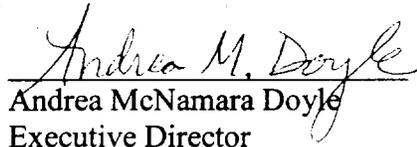
- (1) Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within four years of the date of the order; and**
- (2) The \$100 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date of the order.**

If Respondent fails to comply with any of these conditions, the suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further action by the Commission.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

Public Disclosure Commission

  
Andrea McNamara Doyle  
Executive Director

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