

## State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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December 11, 2018

LOGAN LIVINGSTON 501 BAILA WAY ABERDEEN, WA 98520

And delivered electronically to "logan.livingston@alphamediausa.com"

Subject: PDC Order, Case 38813

Dear Logan Livingston,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case. At the December 6, 2018, Final Order Reconsideration Hearing, the Commission suspended \$900 of the total assessed civil penalty of \$1,000 in accordance with WAC 390-37-143. The non-suspended \$100 penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order.

The \$100 penalty is payable no later than <u>January 10, 2019</u>. Please make the check or money order payable to the WA State Treasurer, and mail the payment to the following:

Department of Enterprise Services Small Agency Services PO Box 41465 Olympia, WA 98504-1465

Please do not send the payment to the PDC offices.

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

Sincerely,

/s Johann Pluckerian
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Enclosure: Final Order

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• Freshdesk ticket log regarding the complaint and alleged violation dated August 8, 2018.

- E-mail notice from PDC staff to Respondent regarding missing F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Statement, dated August 20, 2018, including notice of the Brief Enforcement Hearing on September 24, 2018.
- Notice dated October 5, 2018, of the result of the Brief Adjudicative Hearing held on September 24, 2018.
- Cover letter and Order Imposing Fine against Respondent Logan Livingston, dated October 5, 2018.
- E-mail communications dated November 27, 2018 through November 30, 2018, between Respondent and PDC staff discussing Respondent's hardship, request for a reconsideration appeal, and waiving the 10 day notice period.
- E-mail notice dated December 3, 2018, of the Review Hearing to be held on December 6, 2018.

The hearing concerned allegations that Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) disclosing financial activity in the calendar year 2017, no later than April 16, 2018.

After reviewing the record, including the testimony by PDC Staff and the Respondent, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order of the Commission be entered:

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Logan Livingston is a former Councilmember for the City of Hoquiam.
- 2. Per RCW 42.17A.700, Ms. Livingston was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) disclosing financial activity in the calendar year 2017, no later than April

16, 2018. Ms. Livingston did not timely file the F-1 report.

- 3. From April to June, 2018, PDC staff sent seven email reminders to Logan Livingston concerning the F-1 filing requirement.
- 4. On July 16, 2018, PDC staff sent a warning letter, by U.S. Mail, concerning Ms. Livingston's failure to file the F-1 report.
- 5. On August 16, 2018, PDC staff served Ms. Livingston by U.S. Mail and e-mail, with a hearing notice for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding to be held on September 24, 2018, concerning the failure to file the F-1 report.
- 6. On September 24, 2018, a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding was held in which the Presiding Officer found Logan Livingston in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2017. Ms. Livingston was assessed a \$1,000 penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143, the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission, which was payable within 30 days of the date of the Order.
  - 7. The Initial Order was entered October 5, 2018.
- 8. On November 27, 2018, PDC staff spoke to Ms. Livingston by telephone. She requested reconsideration of her penalty due to her inability to access the City of Hoquiam's computer and theft of her personal computer which prevented her from receiving notice, failure to receive the hearing notice until after the September 24, 2018 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding, failure to receive the Initial Order outlining the appeals process, and claiming the penalty amount constitutes a hardship for her as a low income Respondent. This information was confirmed by the Respondent in writing on November 29, 2018.
- 9. Due to the service issues, Ms. Livingston did not meet the deadlines set forth in WAC 390-37-144 and RCW 34.05.491(5) for review and reconsideration requests. Based on the mitigating factors presented, the PDC's Deputy Director waived these requirements and approved the Respondent's request to present her case for reconsideration on December 6, 2018.

- 10. On November 30, 2018, Respondent waived her rights to 10 days' notice of the December 6, 2018, reconsideration hearing.
- 11. The missing F-1 report was filed on December 6, 2018, at the reconsideration hearing.
- 12. The Respondent has two prior found violations of RCW 42.17A.700, PDC Case Nos. 16-282 and 10064.

## III. 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.
- 2. Respondent Logan Livingston violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) disclosing financial activity in the calendar year 2017, no later than April 16, 2018.

## IV. ORDER

Based upon the Findings and Conclusions, the Commission orders that:

- 1. The Initial Order is AMENDED and \$900 of Respondent Logan Livingston's total civil penalty of \$1,000 is suspended if the following conditions are met:
  - a. That Respondent pay the remaining \$100 penalty within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
  - That Respondent timely files all required PDC reports in accordance RCW
     42.17A.755 and has no further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390

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3	2. In the event the Respondent fails to pay the non-suspended \$100 civil penalty	
4	within 30 days of the date of this Order, the entire amount shall become due without further	
5	action by the Commission.	
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7	The Executive Director is authorized to enter this Order on behalf of the Commission.	
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9	So ORDERED this 11 <sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.	
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12	DISCLOSURE COMMISSION	
13	FOR THE COMMISSION:	
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15	Peter Lavallee Executive Director	
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17	A copy of this Order mailed and/or emailed to:	
18	Logan Livingston, Respondent	
19	501 Baila Way Aberdeen, WA 98520 Logan.livingston@alphamediausa.com	
20	Phil Stutzman, PDC Staff (phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov)	
21	Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General (ChadS@atg.wa.gov)	
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23	I, Tabatha Blacksmith, certify that I mailed and emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent/ Applicant at his/her respective	
24	address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein.  Takasis Placific 12/11/18	
25	Signed Date	
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1	NOTICE: <u>RECONSIDERATION</u>
2	Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
3	Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upor
4	you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested
5	Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
6	711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.
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8	NOTICE: <u>PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW</u>
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 Fina
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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