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COMPLAINT TO THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

PHILLIP LEMLEY

Candidate for State Representative, 8th District, Position 1

January 16, 2018

RESPONDENT:

PHILLIP LEMLEY, Richland City Council Member. Address: 1857 McMurray Avenue, Richland, Washington, 99354; Phone: (509) 375-4828
Email: phil0745@charter.net.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Respondent Lemley is a member of the Richland City Council, and has run for public office on multiple occasions (Richland City Council twice, State Senator, 8th Legislative District August 6, 2013 Primary and November 5, 2013 General Election). Respondent Lemley is familiar with requirements of the Public Disclosure Commission.

By reviewing the City of Richland annual budget, Respondent Lemley is familiar with the extraordinary public funds devoted towards its communication infrastructure, including live broadcast of City Council meetings on television, internet availability and live-streaming.

At the January 2, 2018 Richland City Council Regular Meeting, Respondent Lemley, seated at the City Council dais, utilized public resources to announce and declare his candidacy for the position of State Representative, 8th Legislative District, for the 2018 election. The video of the meeting is located at:

<http://richlandwa.swagit.com/play/01022018-1258/7/>

Respondent Lemley announced his candidacy for State Representative, 8th Legislative District, during Reports and Council Communications, at elapsed time 1:07-2:25.

The next morning, January 3, 2018, the Tri-City Herald ran an article covering Respondent Lemley's announcement and declaration of his candidacy for State Representative, 8th Legislative District during the Richland City Council Meeting, utilizing public resources (see Exhibit 1). Exhibit 2 is an update to that story in which Respondent Lemley advises he will be seeking the seat currently held by State Representative, 8th District Representative Brad Klipert, Position No. 1.

Respondent Lemley failed to properly file the appropriate Personal Financial Affairs Statement and a Candidate Registration with the PDC within the two (2) week period after his January 2, 2018 announcement and declaration of candidacy for State Representative, 8th Legislative District.

VIOLATIONS:

By announcing and declaring his candidacy for State Representative, 8th Legislative District, at a public meeting, utilizing extraordinary communications public resources, Respondent Lemley is in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.

By the failure to file and/or file forms timely with the Public Disclosure Commission, for State Representative, 8th Legislative District within two (2) weeks of his January 2, 2018 announcement and declaration, Respondent Lemley is in violation of RCW 42.17A.205, RCW 42.17A.215, RCW 42.17A.220, RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.240, RCW 42.17A.305, and RCW 42.17A.320.