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September 21, 2023

Delivered electronically to Nancy Button at [buttononboard@gmail.com](mailto:buttononboard@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint filed by Margie Creen, PDC Case 140101

Dear Nancy Button:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Margie Creen concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Ms. Creen, the PDC has dismissed this matter following RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

However, per WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to ensure information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) was complete and correct at the time of filing. PDC staff expects in the future you will keep your information up to date according to PDC laws and rules. If violations of PDC laws or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action.

If you have questions, you may contact Tanya Mercier at 1-360-586-4746 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/ Electronically signed

Tanya Mercier  
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September 21, 2023

Delivered electronically to Margie Creen at [Margie.overhauser@gmail.com](mailto:Margie.overhauser@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint against Nancy Button, PDC Case 140101

Dear Margie Creen:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review and assessment of the complaint you filed on July 19, 2023. The complaint alleged that Nancy Button, a candidate for School Director Position 3, for the Ferndale School District 502, may have violated RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to report real estate on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report).

PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s); the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response(s) provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and other relevant information, to decide whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Nancy Button is a first-time candidate running for the Position 3 School Director in Ferndale School District 502.
- Ms. Button filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) on May 26, 2023, choosing Full Reporting. A declaration was filed on May 19, 2023, and the original Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) was filed on June 1, 2023, and amended August 2, 2023.
- Staff reviewed the original filed F-1 and the amended F-1 and determined real estate information, for Ms. Button's home, was missing from the originally filed report. Once notified of the missing information, Ms. Button indicated she thought she had included the home she owns with her husband in her first report but acknowledged the information was missing. Ms. Button amended the report upon being notified of the issue and included the required property information.
- The respondent does not have any other warnings or violations of PDC requirements.

The unreported real estate information on the F-1 appears to have been a mistake, and the issue was remedied timely. Ms. Button said in her response "my goal is to be 100% accurate."

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to promptly report real estate information on the F-1 does not amount to a violation that calls for further investigation.

Per WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, Nancy Button will receive a formal written warning concerning her failure to ensure information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) was complete and correct at the time of filing. PDC staff expects in the future Ms. Button will keep her information up to date according to PDC laws and rules. If violations of PDC laws or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action necessary and has dismissed this matter per RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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Sincerely,

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cc: Nancy Button