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8 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
9 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

10 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
11 Against:

12 CITIZENS FOR RIDGEFIELD SCHOOLS,
13 Respondent.
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PDC CASE NO. 151075

FINAL ORDER ON
RECONSIDERATION

15 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on June 25, 2026, by telephonic, and online streaming access. The hearing was
17 held in accordance with Chapters 34.05, Title 29B RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

18 Commissioners present online were J. Robert Leach, Commission Chair (presiding);
19 Douglass North, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Matthew Segal and Teebah
20 Alsaleh. Also present both in-person and online were Assistant Attorney General John S.
21 Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Susie Giles-Klein
22 representing PDC Staff, and Jennifer Hansen, PDC Compliance Officer. Notice was provided
23 to the Respondent and Kelliana Cole and Tara Nathan from Citizens for Ridgefield Schools
24 appeared on its behalf. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.
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1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 2 • Memorandum, dated May 26, 2026, prepared by Jennifer Hansen, PDC Compliance
- 3 Officer;
- 4 • Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice, dated January 21, 2026;
- 5 • Initial Order Imposing Fine, PDC Case 151075, entered May 7, 2026;
- 6 • Respondent's request for appeal, PDC Case 151075, received May 22, and 27, 2026;
- 7 • Reconsideration Hearing Notice, PDC Case 151075, dated June 12, 2026.

9 I. FINDINGS OF FACT

10 This matter involves reconsideration of allegations the Respondent violated RCW
11 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240¹ by failing to timely and accurately file expenditure C-4
12 reports. The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC.

- 14 1. Citizens for Ridgefield Schools (Respondent) was registered with the PDC to
15 support ballot propositions in the February 8, 2022, April 25, 2022, August 2,
16 2022, and April 23, 2024, and February 11, 2025, special or primary elections.
- 18 2. The Respondent registered under the full reporting option for each of the
19 elections listed in Section I(1) above and was required to file C-4 reports in
20 accordance with the requirements described in RCW 42.17A.235.
- 22 3. On January 21, 2026, PDC staff emailed and mailed a hearing notice for an
23 April 9, 2026, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to
24 the Respondent's email address and mailing address of record.

25 ¹ The events in this matter took place prior to the recodification of Chapter 43.17A RCW to Title 29B
26 RCW. References to Chapter 43.17A RCW have been retained for consistency with the record.

4. At the April 9, 2026, Brief Enforcement Hearing, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for failing to timely and accurately file expenditure (C-4) reports and was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 with \$500 suspended in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 if, among other conditions, the Respondent amend all inaccurate C-4 reports identified in the Order within 30 days of service, or by no later than Monday, June 8, 2026.
5. On May 7, 2026, PDC staff served Respondent with an Initial Order from the April 9, 2026, Brief Enforcement Hearing via email to the Respondent's email address of record.
6. On May 11, 2026, Respondent contacted PDC staff by email, requesting additional time to submit the corrected C-4 reports identified in the Initial Order for Case No. 151075.
7. On May 22, 2026, and May 27, 2026, the Respondent contacted the PDC by email and requested a review of the suspended penalty condition limiting the time allowed to amend all incorrect C-4 reports.
8. On June 12, 2026, PDC staff served Respondent a hearing notice via email for a June 25, 2026, Reconsideration Hearing before the Commission, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.

9. Respondent has timely paid the civil penalties and continues to make a good faith effort to complete the missing or inaccurate C-4 reports. The reports are not completed due to turnover in staffing and the unavailability of past records.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A, RCW (recodified as Title 29B RCW), the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 political candidates must file timely, accurate reports of contributions and expenditures. Under the full reporting option, until five months before the general election C-3 and C-4 reports are required monthly when contributions or expenditures exceed \$200 (\$750 beginning in April, 2023) since the last report was made. C-4 reports are also required 21 and 7 days before each election in which the candidate makes an expenditure, and in the month following the election. Contributions are reported weekly during the same time period and must be disclosed on Monday for contributions deposited during the previous seven days.

II. ORDER

This Order on Reconsideration will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the request for Reconsideration is GRANTED. The finding of a violation and the civil penalty is

1 AFFIRMED. The portion of the Initial Order requiring filing of the corrected C-4 reports
2 within 30 days is MODIFIED as follows.

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- 4 1. a. The missing C-4 Reports from 2022 to 2025 shall be due within
5 90 days of the date of this Final Order.
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- 7 b. Due to the difficulty of obtaining the 2022 records, if the
8 Respondent is unable to file the C-4 reports for 2022 with full
9 information, PDC staff may assess whether a good faith effort was made
10 and accept the partially filled out 2022 C-4 reports as properly filed.
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12 SO ORDERED this ____ day of July, 2026.

13 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
14 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

15 FOR THE COMMISSION:

16 J. Robert Leach

J. Robert Leach (Jul 1, 2026 10:39:24 PDT)

17 J. Robert Leach,
18 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

19 *This order sent by email to:*

20 Citizens for Ridgefield Schools, Respondent
21 Citizens4rs@gmail.com
22 asgarddog@msn.com
23 CFRS
P.O. Box 1304
Ridgefield, WA 98642

24 Jennifer Hansen,
25 PDC Compliance Officer,
jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov

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Jennifer Hansen

I, _____, certify that I emailed a
copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective
email address.

Jennifer Hansen

Jennifer Hansen (Jul 1, 2026 12:25:46 PDT)

Signed

Jul 1, 2026

Date

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2 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

3 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
4 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
5 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
6 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.
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