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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Chelsea Dimas
PDC Case 156093

I, Chelsea Dimas, hereby acknowledge that during election year 2021, while a candidate for the position of Council Member for the City of Sunnyside, and election year 2024, while a candidate for the Washington State House of Representatives, I violated RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.240, and RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely and accurately file Cash Receipts, Monetary Contribution (C-3) and Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports, and for late filing of the Candidate Registration (C-1).

The facts are as follows:

2021 Election

- In 2021 I ran for a position on the City of Sunnyside Council and failed to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1). I attended a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP) on August 12, 2021, for case 95333, and was ordered to pay a \$400 civil penalty, with \$300 suspended, for the missing C-1. I filed the missing C-1 on November 1, 2021, but did not pay the \$100 civil penalty, within 30-days of the Order, nor did I file the missing C-3 and C-4 reports for my 2021 campaign. At the time I filed the C-1, I selected the Mini Reporting option but failed to file any C-3 or C-4 reports during the period in which I was required to file as a full reporter. The suspended penalty of \$300 was reinstated and the total civil penalty of \$400 was sent to collections.
- On September 9, 2024, a C-4 and C-3 were filed for the period of June 7, 2021, through November 30, 2021, showing that I was the only contributor to my campaign and that there were campaign receipts and expenditures totaling \$152.10.
- The \$400 civil penalty for case 95333 is still outstanding. I am working with PMT Solutions to pay the \$400 civil penalty and all assessed fees and interest.

2024 Election

- On January 1, 2024, I filed a Candidate Registration (C-1), for the Full Reporting option. I am running in election year 2024 for the Washington State House of Representatives, Legislative District 14.
- I filed a C-4 report, for the period November 12, 2023, through December 31, 2023, reporting “non-itemized expenditures” of \$374.79, a deposit of \$92.55 from the candidate to the campaign, and “small contributions” of \$100. Based on this reporting, my campaign started in November 2023, and I should have filed the C-1 within 2-weeks, no later than December 1, 2023, of the campaign account being funded or expenditures being incurred. The C-1 was filed five weeks late.
- On May 16, 2024, I was issued a Warning from the PDC in case 149296. PDC staff determined that I was required to file C-3 reports for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report covering the period through the last day of the previous month(s). The reports were due on January 10, 2024, for the period between December 1 and 31, 2023; February 12, 2024, for deposits made in January 2024; and March 11, 2024, for deposits made in February 2024. The Warning, in case 149296, did not address a C-4 that I failed to file for the period November 17, 2023, to November 30, 2023. This C-4 was filed seven months late, on July 15, 2024. The report was amended three times with the last amendment being on July 31, 2024. My campaign should have filed a C-4 report for November 2023 by December 10, 2023. There was one C-3 report filed seven months late, on July 29, 2024, for a deposit made on November 22, 2023.
- The following Primary Election 2024 reports are included in this agreement:
 - The April C-4 filed 2.5 months late and an April C-3, for a deposit on April 23, 2024, filed 19-days late.
 - The May C-4 was initially filed a month late and then amended with significant receipts and expenditures reported, making the report 7 weeks late. The May C-3s were filed timely.
 - The June C-4 was due by July 10, 2024, but was initially filed on June 14, 2024, and then amended five times with a final report submitted on July 31, 2024, making it 21 days late. Five of the six C-3s filed in June were filed between 1 to 7 weeks late with only one of the C-3s filed that month submitted timely.
 - The 21-day C-4 report was initially filed timely, July 16, 2024, but then amended and refiled on July 31, 2024. There were five associated C-3 reports, three of which were filed late but within July.
 - The 7-day C-4 report was filed timely, as were the associated C-3 reports.
 - The post-election C-4 for July 30, 2024, through August 31, 2024, was originally filed timely on September 9, 2024, but amended two days later to include an in-kind contribution associated with one of the complaints in this case. There were nine C-3 reports filed for the period July 30, 2024, through August 31, 2024; three reports were filed 21-days late.
 - For C-4 #110222294, there were two expenditures to Vistaprint that occurred in April 2024 and were missing the number of items printed. The descriptions were

amended and as of July 31, 2024, show the required number of printed items. This addressed one of the allegations in a complaint filed with the PDC by Conner Edwards.

- For C-4 #110234765, for the period July 1, 2024, through July 15, 2024, there is an expenditure to Parker Outdoors, paid on July 10, 2024, for \$1600 for “Electronic Billboard.” The Post-election C-4, #110244866 as amended on September 11, 2024, also shows an expenditure for signs. These reports address an allegation of missing expenditure reporting for “billboards” In a complaint filed by Kenton Gartrell.

I would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, I acknowledge that I violated Washington State law as described above and agree to enter this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, I agree to pay a \$750 penalty for acknowledged violations for a 2nd offence of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for late filed 2021 and 2024 C-3 and C-4 reports, and a 2nd offence for violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for a late filed 2024 Candidate Registration (C-1).

I understand that, by signing this SOU, I acknowledge the violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with payment for the \$750 civil penalty, and payment to PMT Solutions for the \$400 civil penalty, plus interest and fees assessed in case 95333, will resolve the violations covered in this SOU.



Chelsea Dimas

10/08/2024

Date Signed

The signed Statement of Understanding (SOU) and \$750 penalty payment for case 156093, and proof of full payment to PMT Solutions for outstanding civil penalty, fees, and interest for case 95333, is due by **October 22, 2024**. See the options below for how to continue with either online, by mail, or in-person processing.

Electronic Payment Option

Please be aware, processing fees may apply. To start the process for making an online payment of the \$750 penalty for case 156093, do the following:

Email an electronic copy of the signed SOU to the Compliance Officer assigned to your case.

- A photo or scan of the signed SOU is acceptable. Do make sure that all parts of the SOU are within focus and readable.
- To email the signed SOU to your Compliance Officer, reply directly to the last email you had with the Compliance Officer and attach the document.
- The Compliance Officer must receive the signed SOU no later than **October 18, 2024**.
 - A signed SOU is required for the terms of the agreement to be fulfilled.
 - If we do not receive the SOU, your case will be scheduled for the next available Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP). If this occurs, the Commission's Presiding Officer will hear the case.
 - If you send the SOU and payment electronically, you DO NOT need to mail a hard copy of the SOU to your Compliance Officer

Once the SOU is received, PDC staff will email a payment link and further instructions about how to make a payment.

- You must send the payment, via the link, no later than **October 22, 2024**.

Mail or In-Person Payment Option

To pay the \$750 penalty, for case 156093, by check or money order, make the payment payable to "Washington State Treasurer," write your PDC Case Number in the Memo field, and mail or deliver the payment **and your signed SOU** to one of the addresses listed below, no later than **October 22, 2024**.

Regular mail:

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

Overnight mail or in-person delivery:

Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way S, STE 206
Olympia, WA 98501-1267

Payment to PMT Solutions

You must contact PMT Solutions directly to determine the total amount owed for case 95333. PMT Solutions can be reached by calling 425-882-4800.