BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IIN RE ERIKA EVANS

APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF RCW 42.17A.710

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER

This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (the Commission) upon application by Erika Evans. Proceedings were held on April 10, 2025, remotely in Olympia, Washington, by live audio and online transmission. Consideration of the request was made pursuant to RCW 42.17A.120 and chapter 390-28 WAC. The applicant participated in the hearing through written statement. The applicant requests exemption from disclosing address information, including street address, parcel number, or legal description on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), and a partial reporting modification that would redact her street address, originally

disclosed on a Monetary Contribution report (C-3 report) submitted by her 2025 Campaign, as

described in the attached Modification Request Cover Sheet.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based upon the Modification Application, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact.

- The applicant is subject to the disclosure requirements of RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.240 and RCW 42.17A.710.
- The applicant has not previously been granted the requested reporting modification.

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1	3.	The applicant attests that the facts contained in the application are true and	
2		correct.	
3	4.	The applicant meets the qualifications for a reporting modification established by	
4		the Commission in WAC 390-28-100(d).	
5 6	5.	The Evans Campaign originally disclosed the applicant's residential address on	
7		two C-3 reports and later submitted amendments using an alternate address. The	
8		original reports were available on the agency's website as required by law.	
9	6.	In her request, Ms. Evans stated safety concerns connected to her previous	
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11		employment and a current protection order.	
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13		CONCLUSIONS OF LAW	
14 15	Having made these Findings of Fact, the Commission makes the following Conclusions		
15	of Law:		
10	1.	Literal compliance with all provisions of RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.240	
18		and RCW 42.17A.710 would work a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the	
19		applicant.	
20	2.	Limited suspension or modification of the reporting requirements as specified in	
21		the Order would not frustrate the purposes of the Act in this particular case.	
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24		<u>ORDER</u>	
25	Having	g made these Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission issues the	
26	following orde	er:	
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1	For the Statement of Financial Affairs filed as a candidate covering March 2024 to March		
2	2025 and the original Monetary Contribution Reports as stated in the attached Modification		
3	Request Cover Sheet required to be filed with the Commission:		
4	1. The applicant is not required to include the information regarding her owned		
6	property as stated in RCW 42.17A.710.		
7	2. The applicant may satisfy the reporting requirements of RCW 42.17A.235 and		
8	RCW 42.17A.240 without disclosing the street address.		
9	3. In all other matters required to be reported, the applicant shall comply in full with		
10 11	the disclosure requirements of RCW 42.17A.		
12	4. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.120, the application for modification and supporting		
13	documentation shall be exempt from public disclosure under Chapter 42.56 RCW		
14	and shall not expire except by future order of the Commission.		
15	Dated this 7th day of May 2025		
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18	Electronically Signed by Peter Frey Lavallee		
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RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a petition for reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this order is served upon you. Any petition for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested and be limited to those set forth in WAC 390-37-150. Petitions must be submitted electronically to pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

You have the right to appeal this order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.514 et seq. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this order must be filed with the court as provided by RCW 34.05.514, and also served upon the Commission, the Office of the Attorney General, and all parties of record within thirty (30) days after this order is served upon you. See RCW 42.17A.542.

CITIZEN APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 42.17A.120(5), any citizen may bring an action in Thurston County Superior Court to contest any order entered under RCW 42.17A.120 within one year from the date the order is entered.

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MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	Erika Evans
Reporting Period	 Annual report Candidate report – Covering March 3, 2024 to March 2, 2025
Type of Request	 New Renewal with No Change Full Commission Approval Renewal with Change
Office Held/Sought & Term	City Attorney, City of Seattle Candidate in 2025 Election
Application Rule(s)	 □ Income & Ownership Interest: WAC 390-28-100(b) ☑ Personal Residence: WAC 390-28-100(1)(d) □ Attorney: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(i) □ Judge / Judicial Candidate: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(ii) □ Spousal: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(iv) ☑ Other: WAC 390-28-100
Explanation of Rule(s)	 Personal residence - Real property. Regarding reporting the information otherwise required by RCW <u>42.17A.710</u> (1)(h) through (k): (i) Under WAC <u>390-24-200</u>, the filer must list the street address of each parcel, the assessor's parcel number, the abbreviated legal description appearing on property tax statements, or the complete legal description. Each property description must be followed by the name of the county in which the property is located. (ii) No modification will be necessary if the filer describes the real property using one of the alternatives in WAC <u>390-24-200</u>, plus the name of the county. Judges, prosecutors, or sheriffs may describe a personal residence in the alternative manner provided under RCW <u>42.17A.710</u>(2), and WAC <u>390-24-200</u> without a modification. (iii) A modification will be required if the filer seeks some other means to describe reportable real property including the personal residence of the filer. The commission may consider and grant such a modification to amend the description of a residential address to the extent necessary to protect the applicant or an immediate family member who has received a threat, has obtained a no contact order, or has presented a similar personal safety concern. (e) Other. An applicant may be exempted from reporting information otherwise required under RCW <u>42.17A.710</u> which would constitute a manifestly unreasonable hardship in a particular case, when the circumstances presented would not indicate any actual or potential conflict with the proper performance of the duties of the office sought or held.

Supporting Documents (attached)	 Modification Application F-1 report (filed March 17, 2025)
Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	 Erika Evans is requesting a partial reporting modification that would exempt her from disclosing her personal residential address on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) covering the previous twelve months. Ms. Evans is also requesting redaction of personal information originally disclosed on campaign reports. In her application, Ms. Evans cited safety concerns for her and her family due to her previous employment. Ms. Evans has a current protection order in place.
Other Issues	 Ms. Evans has agreed to recuse herself if there is a conflict of interest between her duties and her personal interests, if elected. PDC staff have informed Ms. Evans of the residential alternatives set forth in <u>WAC 390-24-200</u>. Ms. Evans' records would be exempt from public disclosure if the Commission finds in accordance with <u>RCW 42.17A.120</u> and <u>WAC 390-28-080</u> that disclosure of such information would present a personal risk to a reasonable person.