

**Complaint #22-03**

**Petitioner(s):** Chief Election Commissioner Urquieta

**Respondent(s):** Luke McMahan (independent)

**The following allegations were filed 2/22/22 at 11:31 AM:**

*Article 6, section 2, Clause 3: Candidates that are not a member of a party are required to file a statement of financial disclosure weekly on each Monday from the first Monday after the start of the campaigning period until and including the first Monday after the end of all elections. The Chief Election Commissioner has the discretion to change the day that these financial disclosures are due to the commission.*

“Independent candidate did not submit the financial disclosure before the deadline. They were notified during the seminar of the submission dates and again the same day.

**I reached out to the respondent to submit a statement of defense no later than 7:00PM on 2/22/22. The respondent did NOT submit a defense.**

**Decision [2/23/22 at 8:45am]:** Petitioner’s complaint **HAS** merit, and this **IS** a violation of the Election Code.

**Conclusion:** Candidate did not submit a financial disclosure. Even if expenses total \$0, parties **MUST** submit this information to the Election Commission before the announced deadlines.

**Sanction: This is a Class C violation. As it is a 1st occurrence, the penalty is a written warning from the Attorney General (which this will serve as).**

Respectfully,



**Nadiia Hutcherson**

**Attorney General**

**Delivered to the Election Commissioner 2/23/22 at 8:25AM.**