

BEFORE THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

FORREST DUNBAR FOR MAYOR,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	APOC Case No. 21-01-CD
)	
DAVE BRONSON FOR MAYOR,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

ORDER DENYING EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

Forrest Dunbar for Mayor filed a complaint against Dave Bronson for Mayor, alleging violations of campaign contribution and disclosure laws, including failing to report expenditures; inaccurately reporting expenditures and debts; failing to provide sufficient details on media, advertising, and consulting expenditures; and accepting prohibited contributions from individuals and businesses.¹ Dunbar for Mayor requested that the Alaska Public Offices Commission hear this complaint on an expedited basis, and the Commission heard from the parties and considered the request to expedite the matter on April 14, 2021.

Under AS 13.15.380(c), the Commission denies expedited consideration. Although there is “reasonable cause” to believe that a violation or violations occurred, Dunbar for Mayor has not met its burden of proof that the alleged violations, “if not immediately restrained, could materially affect the outcome of an election” or “could

¹ See AS 15.13.040(a); AS 15.13.070(b)(1); AS 15.13.074(f); 2 AAC 50.321(a), (d); 2 AAC 50.250(c); 2 AAC 50.258(a)(3).

cause irreparable harm that penalties could not adequately remedy.”² In denying expedited consideration, the Commission relies on the representation of counsel for Bronson for Mayor that an audit is under way and any violations will be expeditiously corrected with amendments to campaign disclosure reports and return of any prohibited contributions, if necessary. The decision not to expedite this complaint does not shield Bronson for Mayor from civil penalties for violations that accrue “each day the delinquency continues.”³

The Commission accepts the complaint for consideration on a regular basis under AS 13.15.380(d)(3) and refers the complaint to staff for investigation.

Dated: April 15, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION⁴

² AS 13.15.380(c); *see* 2 AAC 50.888(c) (“The person that requested expedited consideration has the burden of proof to demonstrate the need for expedited consideration.”)

³ AS 15.13.390(a).

⁴ Commissioners Anne Helzer, Richard Stillie, Suzanne Hancock, Dan LaSota, and Van Lawrence participated in this decision. The decision was made on a 5-0 vote.

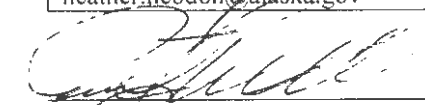
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