

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 9/18/2020

DOCKET #: 2020-768

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: James "Jim" F Brown, Jr.
Address: 721 White Oak Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70726
Office/Position: Denham Springs Development District Corporation
Dates of Service: 2017-2020
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 3

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018
Report ID: PFD20009660
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
NOD Received: 12/26/2019 - Signed by: Gayle Brown (wife)
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 1/8/2020
PFD/Answer Filed: 9/8/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 244
Total days late from initial due date: 482
Late Fee Order Received: 8/22/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 9/11/2020
Waiver Request Received: 9/8/2020

COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown is submitting a Waiver Request for the late filing of his 2018 PFD Statement. Mr. Brown apologizes for not filing his statement on time. He stated the Notice of Delinquency was signed on December 26, 2019; the day after Christmas and with the bustle of the holiday season, the letter was apparently misplaced. Mr. Brown would deeply appreciate the Ethics Boards' consideration to waive his late fee of \$1500.

Lyn Tedder, daughter of James F. Brown is writing a waiver on behalf of her father. Ms. Tedder stated her father is 81 years old and over the past year and a half, has been increasingly showing signs of Dementia, with periods of confusion and forgetfulness. She stated that Mr. Brown is currently under the care of a Neurologist for his condition and has been prescribed medication. Ms. Tedder has submitted a letter from Mr. Brown's Neurologist, Dr. Jon D. Olson. She hopes that the Ethics Board would consider the waiving the late fee her father was assessed, as she feels it would create a financial hardship for her parents, as their attention and finances need to be directed towards Mr. Brown's health and medical/pharmacy bills.

Dr. Jon D. Olson, submitted a letter stating Mr. Brown is currently under his care for memory and other medical concerns. Dr. Olson recommended Mr. Brown be made into an Emeritus board member, so that Mr. Brown could still attend meetings and contribute, but not have any voting authority.

Mr. Brown 2018 PFD Statement has been filed and deemed compliant. This is his first late filing and first late fee.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

September 7, 2020

Louisiana Board of Ethics
State of Louisiana
Department of State Civil Service
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Attn: Ashley Wimberley, Director

Dear Ethics Board Members:

This letter is in response to the notice I received regarding the untimely filing of the Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2018.

I apologize for not filing this statement at the time required. As you can see from the certified mail, this letter was received and signed for on December 26, 2019, the day after Christmas.

Apparently, with the business of the holiday season, the letter was misplaced.

Please find attached the disclosure statements for 2018 and 2019. If you need any other further information from me, please let me know and I will be happy to submit.

Once again, I am very sorry for the overlook on my part in filing these documents. I would deeply appreciate the reconsideration of any fines and/or penalties assessed in this matter.

Thank you,

Jim Brown, Jr.

September 10, 2020

Louisiana Board of Ethics
State of Louisiana
Department of state Civil Service
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Attn: Ashley Wimberley, Director

Dear Ethics Board Members:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my father, James F. Brown, Jr. Over the past year to year and a half he has been increasingly showing signs of early onset dementia, periods of confusion and forgetfulness. As you can see from his paperwork, he is 81 years old. He currently sees a neurologist for this condition and is prescribed medication.

I have reached out to his doctor and requested a letter from his office summarizing his medical/mental status. I will forward that to you once I receive it.

I am hoping that once you have all the information to present to the Board, they will consider waiving the assessment of the fine associated with his late filings. I feel that the fine would create a financial hardship on both my parents, as their attention and finances need to be directed towards his health and medical/pharmacy bills.

If you need any further information from me, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you very much for your help,


Lyn B. Tedder