

Respondent Name

Voice of Tahoma Education

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

[Conner Edwards](#) reported via the portal

(Wed, 3 Apr 2024 at 5:44 AM)

Because the respondent failed to timely file the 21 day pre-election C4, members of the public are unable to tell whether the committee received certain types of contributions or made expenditures during the relevant timeframe, significantly reducing transparency available to the public.

PDC staff must take prompt action on this complaint to help render the assistance necessary to bring this filer into compliance.

The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing filing requirements. The agency's failure to actively monitor the filings of candidates and enforce filing requirements damages both the public and the candidates themselves.

I have tried many different times to get the PDC to take action on this type of issue with no tangible results whatsoever. Having exhausted all of my other options to pursue reform, the only remaining option available to me to compel the agency to take action here is to file PDC complaints against these noncompliant filers in an effort to force the agency to take action.

By highlighting the agency's failure to meaningfully enforce current reporting deadlines, my hope is that the agency will look to improve its own enforcement procedures and help candidates and treasurers comply with the law.

Notice to Respondents

I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint; it is not my intention. No campaign treasurer or campaign/committee is perfect. Trying to comply with the myriad of requirements and deadlines the PDC enforces can be extremely difficult, even for those who have been doing this for years. The agency could adopt any number of strategies to help filers "get it right" when it comes to deadlines and other requirements.

Some of these strategies might include: a) automated electronic filing reminders to a filer when they have missed a deadline, b) mandatory attendance in a PDC training course before a person is allowed to serve as treasurer, c) giving filers 48 hours to file 21- & 7-day pre-election reports as opposed to the 24 hours candidates currently get, and d) improvements to the ORCA online campaign finance filing system to improve useability.

In my opinion, the agency has failed to provide many filers with the knowledge and tools that they need to file reports on time and be compliant.

If you are confused by the filing requirements that the agency enforces or are experiencing technical difficulties and/or usability issues with the ORCA system, please be sure to indicate this in your response to the PDC: your comments will provide extremely valuable feedback for the agency.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

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List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

See PDC website.

List of potential witnesses

See PDC website, also committee.

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Voice of Tahoma Education (VOTE) - 2024

Committee Information

Registration

November 13, 2023

Treasurer

Amy Butala

PO Box 352

Ravensdale, WA, 98051

7575136845

Political Committee Type

Education

Jurisdiction

TAHOMA SD 409

Committee Address

PO Box 352

Ravensdale, WA 98051

Phone

7575136845

Email

voteyestahoma@gmail.com

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$11,211.45

Contributions Amount

\$10,302.36

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$21,513.81

Expenditures

\$21,513.81

Pledges

\$0.00

Debts

\$0.00

Made to committee for 2024

Contributions

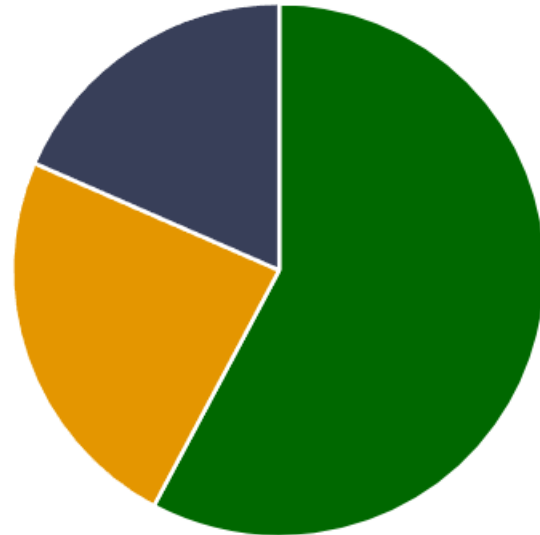
See who has contributed cash and in-kind (non-monetary) contributions to the committee.

Contributions made to committee for 2024

Other
\$5,952.36

Individual
\$2,450.00

Union
\$1,900.00



Made by committee for 2024

Expenditures

See how the committee has spent money, and what kind of goods and services it received as in-kind contributions.

Expenditures made by committee for 2024

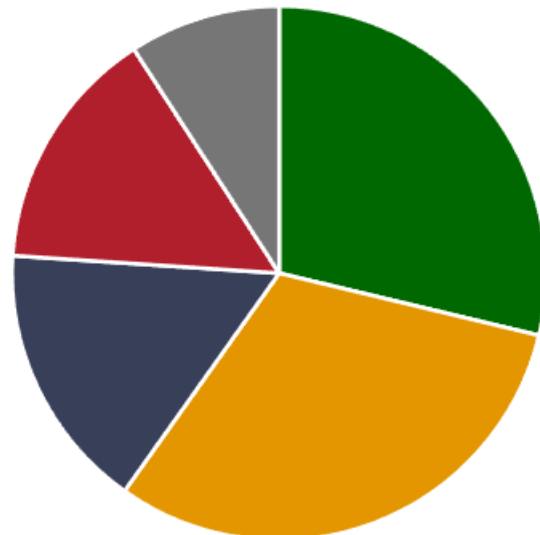
Other
\$2,773.75

Management and consulting services
\$3,000.00

Other advertising
\$1,565.60

Design/graphic art, etc.
\$1,428.00

Printing campaign signs
\$883.34



Made to committee

Loans

See loans received, forgiven or paid by the campaign.

\$0.00

Held by committee

Debts

See the campaign's debt reporting history.

\$0.00

Campaign Finance Reports

See the reports filed by the committee. Reports with a strikethrough were amended by another report.

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Committee Information

Registration

February 22, 2024

Treasurer

Amy Butala

PO Box 352

Ravensdale, WA, 98051

757-513-6845

Political Committee Type

Education

Jurisdiction

TAHOMA SD 409

Committee Address

PO Box 352

Ravensdale, WA 98051

Phone

757-513-6845

Email

voteyestahoma@gmail.com

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$11,385.46

Contributions Amount

\$11,735.00

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$23,120.46

Expenditures

\$553.39

Pledges

\$0.00

Debts

\$0.00

Made to committee for 2024**Contributions**

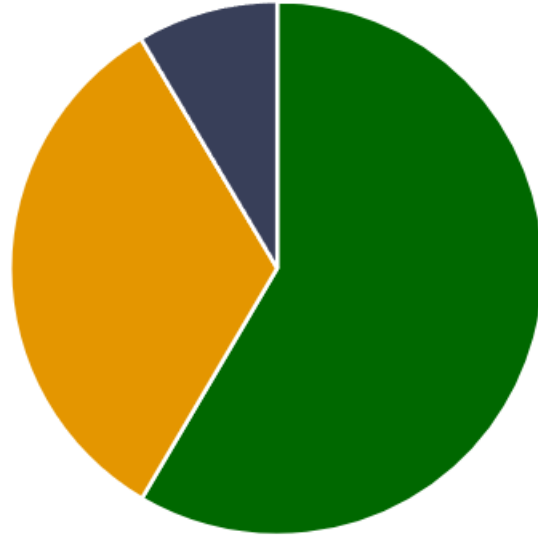
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Contributions made to committee for 2024

Other
\$6,860.00

Individual
\$3,875.00

Union
\$1,000.00



Made by committee for 2024

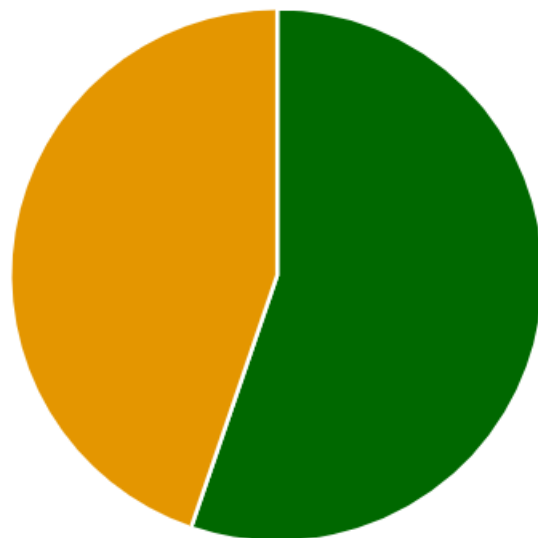
Expenditures

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Expenditures made by committee for 2024

Not Provided
\$305.67

Printing campaign signs
\$247.72



Made to committee

Loans

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\$0.00

Held by committee

Debts

See the campaign's debt reporting history.

\$0.00

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