

Respondent Names
Chelsea Dimas
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
See complaint and attachments.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
See complaint.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
PDC Website.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
See respondent contact info on PDC website.
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.



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May 16, 2024

Sent electronically to Chelsea Dimas at electchelseadimas@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Kenton Gartrell, PDC Case 149296

Dear Chelsea Dimas:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Kenton Gartrell concerning the complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on February 18, 2024.

As noted below in the letter to Kenton Gartrell, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into this allegation or take further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter constitutes a formal written warning to you concerning the failure to timely and accurately file contribution and expenditure reports as a candidate registered under the Full Reporting option, as required by the statutory scheme. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of the PDC laws/rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____
Erick O. Agina, Compliance Officer

s/_____
Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director



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May 16, 2024

Sent electronically to Kenton Gartrell at patriotvikingwoodworking@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Chelsea Dimas, PDC Case 149296

Dear Kenton Gartrell:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on February 18, 2024. Your complaint alleged that Chelsea Dimas, a candidate for State Representative in the 14th Legislative District, Position 1, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file contribution and expenditure reports, as required by law.

To determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted, PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s) in the complaint; the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and reporting requirements; the Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Summary, Full Report Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) reports filed by Chelsea Dimas for State Representative (Campaign); the March 12, 2024, response to the complaint provided by Chelsea Dimas; and other relevant information to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On January 4, 2024, Chelsea Dimas filed an initial Candidate Registration (C-1) report and selected the Full Reporting Option. The C-1 was subsequently amended on three separate occasions, with the final amendment being filed with the PDC on April 11, 2024.

Alleged failure to report timely and accurate Contribution (C-3) and Expenditure (C-4) reports (RCW 42.17A.235 and .240)

- Staff noted that the Campaign failed to timely file contributions and expenditures reports. As a candidate registered with the PDC under the Full Reporting option, Chelsea Dimas was required to file timely C-3 report for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report covering the period through the last day of the previous month(s). These reports were due on January 10, 2024 (covering the period through Dec 31, 2023), February 12, 2024 (for deposits made in January 2024), and March 11, 2024 (for deposits made in February 2024).
- In its response to the complaint received on March 12, 2024, the Campaign, by way of the Respondent, Chelsea Dimas, stated: "Thank you for the email and the information provided. I am a first time

candidate for the legislature and was under the impression that I had some more time to file my reports. I will be filing my reports this week and have them up to date ASAP.”

- Between March 26 and April 24, 2024, the Campaign filed 16 C-3 reports and two C-4 reports. The Campaign also filed one amended C-3 report to come into compliance with the statutory reporting requirements.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the Campaign’s failure to timely file contributions and expenditures reports for the months of January through March in the 2024 election cycle, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation. Chelsea Dimas was responsive to staff’s request to file the required reports and took responsibility by filing the missing reports.

Accordingly, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Chelsea Dimas will receive a formal warning letter concerning the failure to timely file C-3 and C-4 reports, as required by the statutory scheme for a candidate who selected the “Full Reporting” option. Chelsea Dimas will be informed the Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of the PDC laws/rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____
Erick O. Agina, Compliance Officer

s/_____
Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Chelsea Dimas



PDC Complaint Against Chelsea Dimas

- 1) This candidate has previously received a warning letter for failing to timely file C3 and C4 reports: <https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6393/149296%20Chelsea%20Dimas%20Complaint%20Disposition%20Letter.pdf>
- 2) This candidate has failed to file C4 reports covering 11/17/23 to 1/4/2024 even though she reported having made deposits during this time period. See attachment.
- 3) This candidate failed to file any C1 during her 2021 run for Sunnyside City Council until November 1, 2021. Then she selected the mini reporting option. However, she failed to file any reports during the time period in which she was required to file as a full reporter. At a minimum, she would have been required to file a 21-day pre-general C4.
- 4) For two expenditures to Vistaprint that occurred in April of 2024, the candidate failed to indicate the number of items printed. See link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110222294>.
- 5) The candidate filed her C4 covering June nearly 2 weeks before the end of the period. The report is therefore likely inaccurate: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110222751>.
- 6) The candidate appears to have failed to file a C4 for May, even though it appears to have been required based on the activity reported and the fact that she would have had to disclose a ~\$600 filing fee.
- 7) Even shortly after receiving a warning letter from the PDC, this candidate continued to file late reports despite having significant financial activity. For instance:
 - a) C4 covering March, filed 2 months late: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110222241>
 - b) C4 covering April, filed 1 month late: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110222294>
 - c) C3 for deposit on 4/23/24, filed 19 days late: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110217124>

I look forward to Director Lavalley issuing yet another meaningless warning letter to dismiss this complaint.

-Conner

Dimas, Chelsea E. (Chelsea Dimas) - 2024

Candidate Information

Office:

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Jurisdiction:

LEG DISTRICT 14 - HOUSE

Party:

DEMOCRATIC

Registration:

January 04, 2024

Address:

PO Box 773

Sunnyside, WA 98944

Email:

info@chelseaforwa.com

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance:

\$392.55

Contributions Amount:

\$7,900.55

Loans Amount:

\$0.00

Total Receipts:

\$8,293.10

Expenditures:

\$4,038.96

Pledges:

\$0.00

Debt Amount:

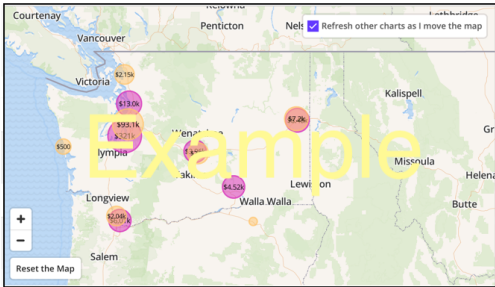
\$0.00

Independent Expenditures for/against:

None reported.

Status
Campaign Status: Candidate declared

Reports
Candidate’s Personal Financial Affairs disclosure Candidate’s surplus funds account

Map the campaign’s contributors and vendors


Made to candidate for 2024

Contributions

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

Contributions made to candidate for 2024

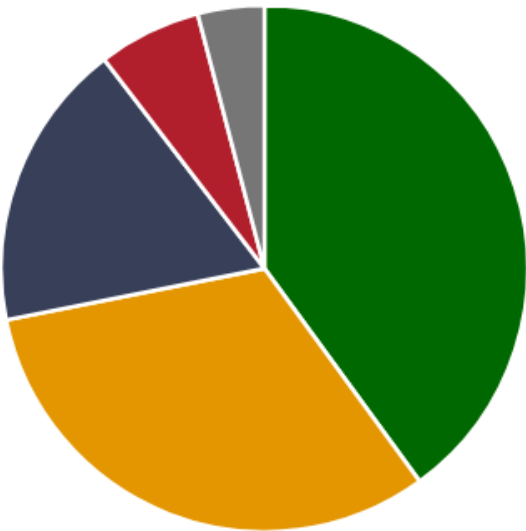
Individual
\$3,158.00

Other
\$2,520.00

Political Action Committee
\$1,400.00

Business
\$500.00

Self
\$322.55



Made by candidate for 2024

Expenditures

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

Expenditures made by candidate for 2024

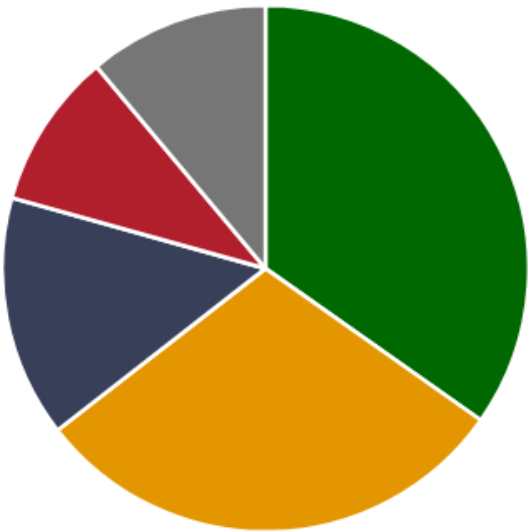
Not Provided
\$1,404.27

Rent, lease, mortgage, PO...
\$1,200.00

Utilities, phone, and other...
\$600.00

Fundraising events and related...
\$386.92

Miscellaneous
\$447.77



Candidates Registered for this Office

Show entries Search:

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
MENDOZA MARIA G (Gloria Mendoza)	\$84,655.91	\$755.91
Dimas, Chelsea E. (Chelsea Dimas)	\$7,900.55	\$4,038.96
Andy Kallinen	\$1,529.83	\$1,211.55

Spending for and against this candidate

Independent Expenditures

Independent expenditures are made by third parties that are not part of a candidate’s campaign.

No Independent Expenditures reported.

Incurred by candidate

Debts

This information shows the debt for the campaign as of the submission date of the related report.

Outstanding debt for campaign is \$0.00

Campaign Finance Reports

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

Show entries

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11/17/2023 - 11/17/2023	110206803	03/30/2024	View Report	C3	2024

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
11/20/2023 - 11/20/2023	110206807	03/30/2024	View Report	C3	2024
12/01/2023 - 12/01/2023	110206539	03/28/2024	View Report	C3	2024
01/04/2024 - 01/31/2024	110206814	03/30/2024	View Report	C4	2024
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01/18/2024 - 01/18/2024	110206808	03/30/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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03/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	110222241	06/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
03/02/2024 - 03/02/2024	110206424	03/26/2024	View Report	C3	2024

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03/11/2024 - 03/11/2024	110206501	03/28/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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03/18/2024 - 03/18/2024	110206427	03/26/2024	View Report	C3 - Amended	2024
03/22/2024 - 03/22/2024	110206426	03/26/2024	View Report	C3	2024
04/01/2024 - 04/30/2024	110222294	06/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
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05/22/2024 - 05/22/2024	110217127	05/29/2024	View Report	C3	2024
05/31/2024 - 05/31/2024	110222234	06/11/2024	View Report	C3	2024

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
06/01/2024 - 06/01/2024	110222288	06/11/2024	View Report	C3	2024
06/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	110222751	06/14/2024	View Report	C4	2024
06/09/2024 - 06/09/2024	110222235	06/11/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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