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| <p><a href="#">Conner Edwards</a> reported via the portal<br/>(Wed, 13 Nov 2024 at 1:57 PM)</p> <p><b>Description of Complaint</b></p> <p>See attached complaint.</p> <p><b>Notice to Respondent</b></p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint. The chance that you will actually be fined for the violations identified above is extremely small because the agency is averse to doing the work necessary to bring cases to hearings. Most likely this case – and any future cases against you – will simply be dismissed by staff with a so-called "warning letter".</p> <p>This complaint is one of hundreds that I have filed to highlight and ultimately fix the significant shortcomings associated with the agency responsible for administering our state's campaign finance laws.</p> <p>What are these shortcomings?</p> <p>Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with. Failure to properly educate the regulated community about the tasks they must perform to remain in compliance with applicable requirements and avoid complaints. Failure of the agency to send regular reminders to filers about pending deadlines. A failure to proactively enforce applicable requirements which enables the complaint system to become weaponized. Non-intuitive, non-user friendly, and buggy reporting software. Failure to meaningfully enforce core requirements. Failure to follow the best operating practices of other neighboring campaign finance agencies. An agency leadership structure that largely disregards stakeholder input and is slow to identify and resolve major agency deficiencies.</p> <p>I believe that the best way to motivate the agency to address these problems is by filing a large number of complaints so that the agency's problems become impossible to ignore.</p> <p>Slowly (too slowly) this strategy is starting to yield concrete and beneficial changes. You can read about these changes here: <a href="https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/">https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/</a></p> <p>If you believe that the agency could have done something different to help you proactively avoid the issues identified in this complaint, I hope that you will consider including it in your response. The agency, and the public, can benefit from your perspective and feedback.</p> <p>"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."<br/>— Lao Tzu</p> |
| <b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Certification (Complainant)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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.



# Cascade Party 2024

|          |               |              |         |       |       |
|----------|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Overview | Contributions | Expenditures | Pledges | Debts | Loans |
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## Committee Overview

Registered April 18, 2024  
Minor Party  
Treasurer is Scott Nall

## Committee Contact

PO Box 28004  
Seattle, WA 98118  
treasurer@cascadeparty.org  
360-465-2830

## Financial Overview

|                  |   |               |   |         |   |              |
|------------------|---|---------------|---|---------|---|--------------|
| \$0.00           | + | \$25,373.09   | + | \$0.00  | = | \$25,373.09  |
| Starting balance |   | Contributions |   | Loans   |   | Total raised |
| \$401.84         |   |               |   | \$0.00  |   | \$0.00       |
| Total spent      |   |               |   | Pledges |   | Debt         |

## Committee Reports and Forms

Registration Form  
Contributors and Vendors Map

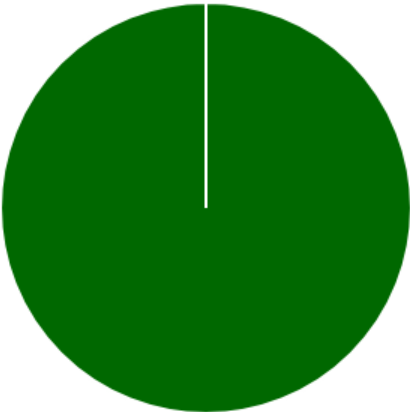
Made to committee for 2024

Contributions

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

Contributions made to committee for 2024

Individual  
\$25,373.09



Made by committee for 2024

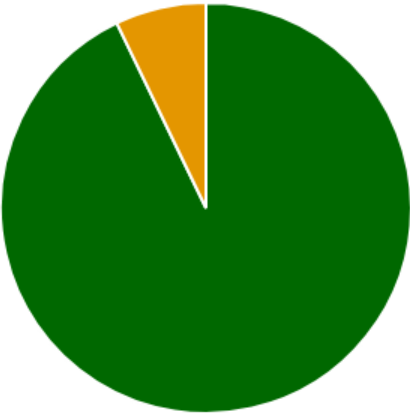
Expenditures

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

Expenditures made by candidate for 2024

Inkind contribution  
\$373.09

Not Provided  
\$28.75



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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| Period                  | Report Number | Filed      | Report                      | Form Type | Election Year |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 04/16/2024 - 04/30/2024 | 110211305     | 04/28/2024 | <a href="#">View Report</a> | C4        | 2024          |
| 04/25/2024 - 04/25/2024 | 110211304     | 04/28/2024 | <a href="#">View Report</a> | C3        | 2024          |
| 05/01/2024 - 06/30/2024 | 110228348     | 07/10/2024 | <a href="#">View Report</a> | C4        | 2024          |
| 10/02/2024 - 10/02/2024 | 110249471     | 10/06/2024 | <a href="#">View Report</a> | C3        | 2024          |

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Conner Edwards &lt;cg.edwards53@gmail.com&gt;

## Re: PDC - File a Formal Complaint - Conner Edwards

Conner Edwards <cg.edwards53@gmail.com>  
To: PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov>

Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 1:40 PM

Thanks Jordan. Did anyone from the PDC reach out to someone from the Cascade Party to ask if he was an officer?

On Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 1:38 PM PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:  
Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 19, 2024. The complaint alleged that Cascade Party (the "Respondent"), may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to disclose their officers on their campaign registration.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s) and the filing history of the Respondent and found the following:

- RCW 42.17A.205(c) requires a committee to disclose "The names, addresses, and titles of its officers; or if it has no officers, the names, addresses, and titles of its responsible leaders;"
- RCW 42.17A.005(12) defines a political committee as such: "'Committee' unless the context indicates otherwise, includes a political committee such as a candidate, ballot proposition, recall, political, or continuing political committee."
- A political party is not inherently the same thing as a political committee, and while it might often be the case, the chair of a political party is not necessarily the chair of the political committee.
- The complaint provides no evidence that Krist Novoselic, the chair of the political party, is also an officer of the political committee.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-060(1)(a).

If you have questions, you may contact Jordan Campbell at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

Jordan Campbell  
Compliance Coordinator  
Public Disclosure Commission  
[PDC@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov)  
360-753-1111



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Washington State law established email as the PDC's official means of communication as of June 7th, 2018 (RCW 42.17A.055). Filers have a duty to amend their reports within 10 days of any material changes, such as new email addresses. Please ensure your email address is up to date.

To respond, please reply to this email.

Washington Public Disclosure Commission  
<http://www.pdc.wa.gov>  
1.360.753.1111

On Mon, 19 Aug at 12:03 PM , Conner Edwards <cg.edwards53@gmail.com> wrote:  
**Description of Complaint**

In violation of RCW 42.17A.205(2)(c), the political committee "Cascade Party" has failed to identify an officer (the party's founder and chair Krist Novoselic) on its committee registration (C1-PC). See attached.

### Notice to Respondent

I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint.

This complaint is one of hundreds that I have filed to highlight and ultimately fix the significant shortcomings associated with the agency responsible for administering our state's campaign finance laws.

What are these shortcomings?

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<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/>

11/13/24, 1:19 PM

Gmail - Re: PDC - File a Formal Complaint - Conner Edwards

If you believe that the agency could have done something different to help you proactively avoid the issues identified in this complaint, I hope that you will consider including it in your response. The agency, and the public, can benefit from your perspective and feedback.

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

— **Mahatma Gandhi**

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Best,

Conner Edwards  
(425) 533-1677 cell



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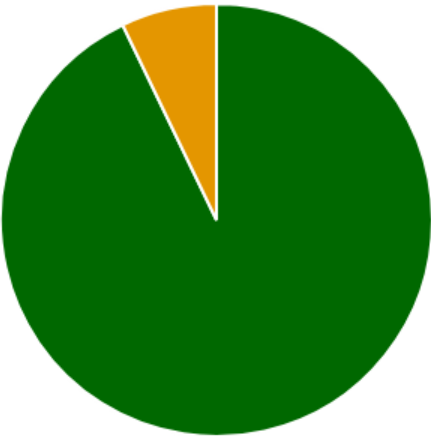
## Itemized Expenditures

\$401.84

Shown below are the campaign’s expenditures. Small expenses may be grouped together and reported as one sum. Donated goods and services (known as in-kind contributions) also appear here as expenditures, with the contributor listed in the recipient column.

Expenditures by Expense Type

- Inkind contribution  
\$373.09
- Not Provided  
\$28.75



Results for:

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| Recipient                       | Date       | Description                                     | Recipient City | Recipient State | Amount   | Report                                         |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| EXPENSES OF \$200.00<br>OR LESS | 05/01/2024 |                                                 |                |                 | \$28.75  | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Novoselic Krist                 | 06/29/2024 | The Columbian                                   | Naselle        | WA              | \$81.35  | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Novoselic Krist                 | 06/15/2024 | Daily News convention announcement              | Naselle        | WA              | \$31.99  | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Novoselic Krist                 | 06/10/2024 | convention announcement                         | Naselle        | WA              | \$28.75  | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Wright Kelly                    | 06/07/2024 | Convention Ad                                   | MARYSVILLE     | WA              | \$120.00 | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Wright Kelly                    | 04/16/2024 | Postage costs, mail permits, purchase of stamps | MARYSVILLE     | WA              | \$111.00 | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |

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## Cash Contributions

\$25,000.00

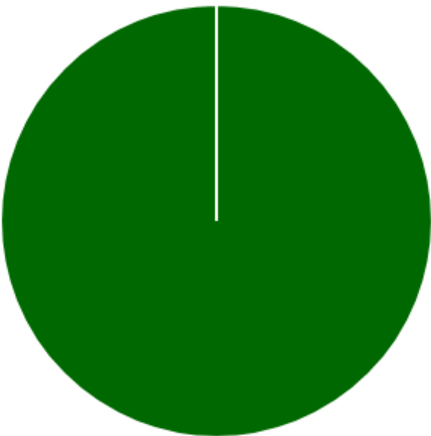
## In-kind Contributions

\$373.09

Shown below are contributions made to this committee. Those reported as "in-kind" represent the contribution of goods and services.

Contributions by Category

Individual  
\$25,373.09



Results for:

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Contributor Name

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State

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| Date       | Contributor     | City       | State | Type    | Employer | Occupation  | Amount      | Report                      |
|------------|-----------------|------------|-------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 10/02/2024 | Novoselic Krist | Naselle    | WA    | Cash    | None     | Bass Player | \$15,000.00 | <a href="#">View Report</a> |
| 06/29/2024 | Novoselic Krist | Naselle    | WA    | In-kind | None     | Bass Player | \$81.35     | <a href="#">View Report</a> |
| 06/15/2024 | Novoselic Krist | Naselle    | WA    | In-kind | None     | Bass Player | \$31.99     | <a href="#">View Report</a> |
| 06/10/2024 | Novoselic Krist | Naselle    | WA    | In-kind | None     | Bass Player | \$28.75     | <a href="#">View Report</a> |
| 06/07/2024 | Wright Kelly    | MARYSVILLE | WA    | In-kind |          |             | \$120.00    | <a href="#">View Report</a> |
| 04/25/2024 | Novoselic Krist | Naselle    | WA    | Cash    | None     | Bass Player | \$5,000.00  | <a href="#">View Report</a> |
| 04/25/2024 | Nall Scott      | Auburn     | WA    | Cash    | Retired  | Retired     | \$5,000.00  | <a href="#">View Report</a> |
| 04/16/2024 | Wright Kelly    | MARYSVILLE | WA    | In-kind |          |             | \$111.00    | <a href="#">View Report</a> |

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We are a centrist political association. Our image reflects the majestic Cascade Mountain Range - uniting eastern and western Washington in the middle. We are a home for people tired of the polarized fringes dominating our politics.

We are an independent state party. Our mission is to offer a new voice to the people of Washington at all levels of government.

We use a private social network that does not track or sell you to advertisers. As a CPW member, you can vote to elect -and run for- party leadership. You can nominate candidates -and run for- the public ballot. You can vote on -and propose- our bylaws, platform and resolutions.

CPW is a member-driven association. We are a voice for people with shared needs and values. The middle need not be mushy. We share a passion for the ideas needed to move our state and country forward.

**Our state convention is planned for January 11, 2025. Location TBD.** We will elect officers and ratify our bylaws and platform.

### Leadership

**Chair** Krist Novoselić  
**Vice Chair** Devin Doyle  
**Secretary** Marjorie O'Rourke  
**Treasurer** Scott Nall  
**Board** Kelly Wright, Erik Raistakka, Johann Peters, Bret Lenz.



CASCADE PARTY of WASHINGTON  
PO Box 28004  
Seattle, WA 98118

**Complaint Against: Cascade Party & Krist Novoselic****Submitted:** 11/13/24**Notice to Respondent by:** 11/23/24 per WAC 390-37-050(1)**90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline:** 2/11/25 per RCW 42.17A.755(3)**Statutes Violated:** RCW 42.17A.235, .240**Background****Washington State's Campaign Finance Disclosure Law**

One of the primary purposes of the public disclosure law is to provide citizens of this state, and especially voters, with the means for becoming informed about the financing of political campaigns.<sup>1</sup> The public disclosure law was enacted through voter approval of Initiative 276 in 1972.

State law requires candidates and committees that register under full reporting to submit regular reports of financial activity. Those reports are filed on schedules outlined on the PDC's key reporting dates calendar.<sup>2</sup>

**Violations**

**Count #1: Violation of RCW 42.17A.235, .240, see WAC 390-16-105(4). Failure to file C3/C4 reports as required by state law.**

On 10/2/24, the respondent deposited \$15,000 from Krist Novoselic into their bank account, see link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110249471>

This triggered an obligation to file a C4 for the corresponding period (October) on 11/12/24. No such report was filed. See attached.

Additionally, the committee has incurred a number of expenses and received a number of in-kind contributions. See attached. For the in-kind contributions, none of the disclosures include the address of the vendor.<sup>3</sup> I'm sure that PDC staff probably believe this is required.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, the disclosures do not include the run-dates of the newspaper advertisements. I'm sure that PDC staff probably believe this is required.<sup>5</sup>

**Count #2: Violation of RCW 42.17A.205 Failure to list committee officers.**

Political committees are obligated to include in the committee's registration statement a list of individuals who meet the definition of a committee officer. Krist Novoselic has been very open

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<sup>1</sup> <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics>

<sup>2</sup> <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics/key-dates-2024>

<sup>3</sup> <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110228348>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/contributions/kind-contributions>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/expenditures-debts/expenditures-require-additional-disclosure>

about his role as Chair<sup>6</sup> and Founder<sup>7</sup> of the Cascade Party. Additionally, he is listed as the chair on the committee's website.<sup>8</sup> Despite this he is not listed on the committee's registration statement.

Additionally, Novoselic has provided nearly 80% of the total funds for the committee. See below table.

| Contributor     | Aggregate Amount as of 11/13/24 | Percentage of Total Contributions |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nall Scott      | \$5,000.00                      | 19.71%                            |
| Kelly Wright    | \$231.00                        | 0.91%                             |
| Krist Novoselic | \$20,142.09                     | 79.38%                            |
|                 |                                 |                                   |
|                 | <b>Total Raised</b>             |                                   |
|                 | <b>\$25,373.09</b>              |                                   |

Furthermore, the committee's website<sup>9</sup> lists several other individuals who would appear to be committee officers, including: Vice Chair Devin Doyle, Secretary Marjorie O'Rourke, Treasurer Scott Nall, and Board Members Kelly Wright, Erik Raistakka, Johann Peters, and Bret Lenz.

Despite this, only Scott Nall is listed<sup>10</sup> as the committee's treasurer.

Several months ago, I submitted a PDC complaint indicating that the committee had failed to list its officers.

In an astounding display of mental gymnastics, the PDC dismissed this complaint on the basis that the chair of a political party may not be an officer of that political party. See attached.

I asked the PDC to clarify whether or not they reached out to the committee to determine if Novoselic was a committee officer. As of the time of this writing, I received no response to my inquiry.

For these reasons, I am re-alleging that the committee has not disclosed its committee officers, a violation of RCW 42.17A.205.

## **Conclusion**

The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing disclosure requirements. The agency's failure to actively monitor compliance with these requirements and enforce them damages both the public and members of the regulated community.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.komonews.com/news/local/a-conversation-with-nirvana-co-founder-krist-novoselic-cascade-party-washington-bonafide-band-kurt-cobain-political-live-music-musician-mainstream-different-seminole-bona-fide-speech-washington-state-president-moving-conventions-petition-band>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.seattletimes.com/entertainment/music/nirvanas-krist-novoselic-launches-centrist-cascade-party/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://cascadeparty.org/about.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://cascadeparty.org/about.html>

<sup>10</sup> [https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/registration?registration\\_id=60051](https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/registration?registration_id=60051)

I urge the PDC staff to take quick action and resolve the noncompliance identified in this complaint.

Best,

Electronically signed Conner Edwards

/s/ Conner Edwards

Complainant

### **Notice to Respondent**

I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint. The chance that you will actually be fined for the violations identified above is extremely small because the agency is averse to doing the work necessary to bring cases to hearings. Most likely this case – and any future cases against you – will simply be dismissed by staff with a so-called "warning letter".

This complaint is one of hundreds that I have filed to highlight and ultimately fix the significant shortcomings associated with the agency responsible for administering our state's campaign finance laws.

What are these shortcomings?

Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with. Failure to properly educate the regulated community about the tasks they must perform to remain in compliance with applicable requirements and avoid complaints. Failure of the agency to send regular reminders to filers about pending deadlines. A failure to proactively enforce applicable requirements which enables the complaint system to become weaponized. Non-intuitive, non-user friendly, and buggy reporting software. Failure to meaningfully enforce core requirements. Failure to follow the best operating practices of other neighboring campaign finance agencies. An agency leadership structure that largely disregards stakeholder input and is slow to identify and resolve major agency deficiencies.

I believe that the best way to motivate the agency to address these problems is by filing a large number of complaints so that the agency's problems become impossible to ignore.

Slowly (too slowly) this strategy is starting to yield concrete and beneficial changes. You can read about these changes here: <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/>

If you believe that the agency could have done something different to help you proactively avoid the issues identified in this complaint, I hope that you will consider including it in your response. The agency, and the public, can benefit from your perspective and feedback.

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

— Lao Tzu