

Respondent Names
Cascade Party
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
Conner Edwards Tue, 1 Apr 2025 at 8:53 PM See complaint.
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
See complaint.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
See complaint.
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.

Complaint Against: Cascade Party**Submitted:** 4/1/2025**Notice to Respondent Due By:** 4/11/2025 per WAC 390-37-050(1)**90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline:** 6/30/2025 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.¹ 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.²

Violations

This respondent has failed to file C4 reports covering July, August, September, October, and December of 2024. See attached and link: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/committees/co-2024-36220> .

Additionally, this C4 report covering February of 2025 was filed four days late. See link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110276238>

Conclusion

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

Best,

/s/

Conner Edwards
(425) 533-1677 cell

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

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

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.

This complaint is one of over one thousand complaints 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.

**“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”
— Mahatma Gandhi**



Annual personal financial affairs reports (or F-1s) are due by April 15. [See instructions and more information here.](#)



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Committee Overview

Registered April 18, 2024
Minor Party
Treasurer is Erik Raistakka

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](#)
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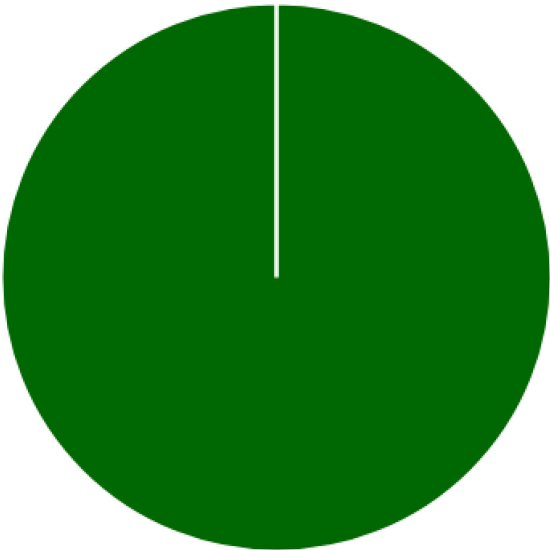
Made to committee for 2024

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

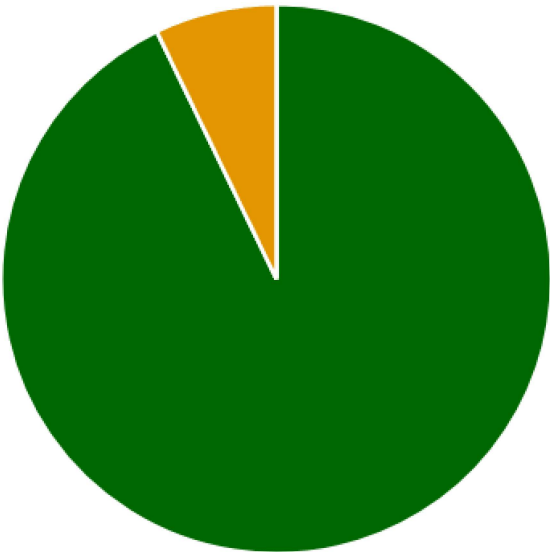
Expenditures

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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04/25/2024 - 04/25/2024	110211304	04/28/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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10/02/2024 - 10/02/2024	110249471	10/06/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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