

Respondent Name(s)
Donald Golden
Complainant Name(s)
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p><u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal (<i>Thu, 4 Aug 2022 at 11:54 AM</i>)</p> <p>See complaint.</p> <p>GoldenC1.pdf 242.45 KB</p> <p>GoldenReports.pdf 79.86 KB</p> <p>GoldenComplaint.pdf 122.53 KB</p>
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.
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.

Hello:

The candidate (DONALD GOLDEN) – 2018 appears to have failed to timely file C4s.

This candidate filed a C1 indicating full reporting. Despite this, not a single C4 report was filed.

This candidate appeared on the ballot in the August 2018 election and also the November 2018 election.

<https://results.vote.wa.gov/results/20180807/pierce/>

<https://results.vote.wa.gov/results/20181106/pierce/>

Letter to Respondent

To Whom It May Concern:

I apologize for filing this complaint against your campaign/committee. It is not my intention to cause you any inconvenience. I am filing a batch of complaints against campaigns/committees that have failed to timely file C4s in recent election cycles to demonstrate the PDC's unwillingness to meaningfully enforce the statutory requirement to timely file C4s described in RCW 42.17A.235.

This is a relevant issue because the PDC appears poised to propose dramatically increasing the number of C4s that filers would be required to file in the month leading up to the primary and general elections. If this proposal were to be adopted by the Legislature, it would dramatically increase the amount of work that campaign treasurers and committees would be required to perform. The agency has offered little in the way of evidence to suggest that this proposal would result in any meaningful benefit to the voting public.

Currently, the agency does not actively investigate campaigns/committees to determine whether they have timely filed C4 forms. The agency *does* do this as it relates to the timely filing of C1/F1 forms. When adjudicating complaints alleging late C4 reporting, the PDC has leaned heavily on the use of "warning letters". These letters are, in essence, dismissals, and are not a meaningful deterrent for those who would engage in late reporting.

Put simply, the agency's rhetoric ("C4s contain valuable information for voters; any additional burden to filers stemming from increased reporting is justified") does not match the agency's actions (dismissing complaints that demonstrate filers haven't filed C4 reports on time).

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 before saddling filers with additional reporting obligations.

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, and c) giving filers 48 hours to file 21- & 7-day pre-election reports as opposed to the 24 hours we currently get.

Sincerely,

Conner Edwards
Campaign Treasurer



PDC staff is working remotely

Assistance is available via email or phone. The PDC office is open for business by appointment only, consistent with the governor's emergency proclamations. Please contact us for an appointment or assistance at (360) 753-1111 or pdcc@pdc.wa.gov

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Donald Golden (DONALD GOLDEN) - 2018

Candidate Information

Office:

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Jurisdiction:

LEG DISTRICT 27 - HOUSE

Party:

INDEPENDENT

Registration:

July 12, 2018

Address:

P.O. BOX 6952
TACOMA, WA 98417

Email:

donaldrmgolden@gmail.com

Phone:

360-280-6080

Financial Information

No data available.

Status
<p>Primary Election Status: Qualified for general</p> <p>General Election Status: Lost in general</p> <p>Campaign Status: Candidate registered</p>
Reports
<p><u>Candidate's Personal Financial Affairs disclosure</u></p> <p><u>Candidate's surplus funds account</u></p>

Independent Expenditures

spending for and against this candidate

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

No Independent Expenditures reported

See Independent Expenditures

Debts

incurred by candidate

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

Outstanding debt for campaign is \$0.00

See Debts

Campaign Finance Reports

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

No reports found for this candidate

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GOGOLDEN COMMITTEE

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Registration Filed

Candidate

Full Reporting

Submitted date: 2018-07-13

Certified by donald@gogolden.us, donal dmgolden@gmail.com

2018

GOLDD 417

Candidacy

Donald Golden

Leg District 27 - House

State Representative

Position 2

Independent

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Treasurer

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Attachments

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