

Respondent Name
Citizens For Ridgefield Schools (CFRS) - 2022 & 2024
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Wed, 17 Apr 2024 at 2:05 PM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>I believe I have already submitted a complaint against this entity so please add it to the existing case if possible. There are a number of problems I've observed with this committee:</p> <p>1) The committee has not properly filed its 7-day pre-election C4. The C4 was filed several days early and it is demonstrably inaccurate because it does not include a \$275 deposit that was subsequently reported by the entity which did not show up on the C4 form. See attachments.</p> <p>2) The committee filed a C4 report covering September 2022 to December 2023 on 4/12/24, making it significantly late. Based on the expenditures reported in September 2022, it was required to be filed in October of 2022. See link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110210218 .</p> <p>3) The opening balance of the 2024 entity was reported as being \$13,911.48 (https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110210218) while the closing balance of the 2022 entity was reported as being \$18,095.39 (https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110139867). This suggests there were contributions and/or expenditures that were not properly reported.</p> <p>###</p> <p>By any objective measure, it is unacceptable that the PDC would take no action to help bring this filer into compliance now that the statute of limitations is rapidly approaching. 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.</p> <p>I have tried many different times to get the PDC to take action on this type of issue with no tangible results whatsoever. At one point, I believe the agency discussed the possibility of internally flagging non-filers in the PDC's system and proactively reaching out to them to bring them into compliance, but it appears this is not happening.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Notice to Respondents:</p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint; it is not my intention.</p>

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 valuable feedback for the agency.

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

Because this committee has not timely filed one or more required reports, members of the public are unable to view up to date financial information, significantly reducing transparency available to voters.

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.

It is imperative that PDC staff reach out to this committee immediately to bring them into compliance.

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

PDC Website.

List of potential witnesses

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.

Citizens For Ridgefield Schools (CFRS) - 2024

Committee Information

Registration

January 18, 2024

Treasurer

Zach Smith

PO Box 1304

Ridgefield, Washington, 98642

4803228552

Political Committee Type

Education

Jurisdiction

RIDGEFIELD SD 122

Committee Address

PO Box 1304

Ridgefield, Washington 98642

Phone

4803228552

Email

citizens4rs@gmail.com

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$13,911.48

Contributions Amount

\$32,301.58

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$46,213.06

Expenditures

\$38,982.28

Pledges

\$0.00

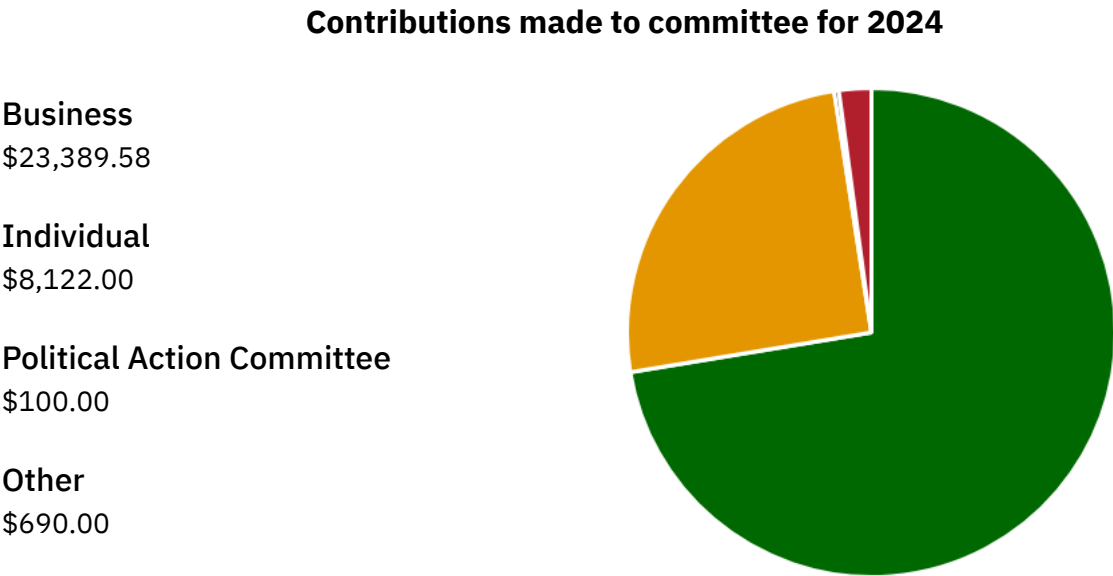
Debts

\$0.00

Made to committee for 2024

Contributions

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



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

Printing campaign signs

\$15,924.50

Printing literature, fliers,...

\$4,903.98

Campaign merchandise/paraphernalia

\$4,028.84

Postage costs, mail permits,...

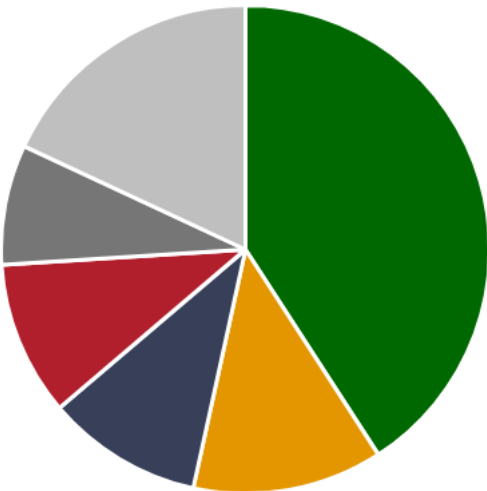
\$3,986.76

Inkind contribution

\$3,104.00

Other

\$7,034.20



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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Citizens For Ridgefield Schools (C4RS) - 2022

Committee Information

Registration

October 17, 2022

Treasurer

Alisha Lasch

PO Box 1304

Ridgefield, WA, 98642

3606092712

Political Committee Type

Single Election Committee

Jurisdiction

RIDGEFIELD SD 122

Committee Address

PO Box 1304

Ridgefield, WA 98642

Phone

Email

citizens4rs@gmail.com

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$31,172.44

Contributions Amount

\$7,507.00

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$38,679.44

Expenditures

\$13,980.99

Pledges

\$0.00

Debts

\$0.00

Made to committee for 2022

Contributions

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

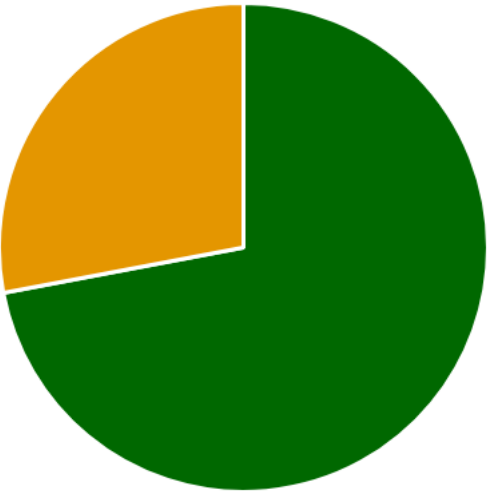
Contributions made to committee for 2022

Business

\$5,407.00

Other

\$2,100.00



Made by committee for 2022

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 2022

Printing literature, fliers,...

\$8,879.60

Fundraising events and related...

\$2,248.38

Management and consulting services

\$1,750.00

Postage costs, mail permits,...

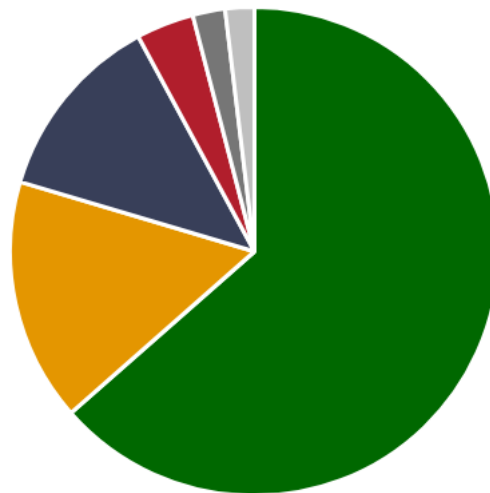
\$533.91

Office supplies, furniture,...

\$300.14

Other

\$268.96



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

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**CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY
CONTRIBUTIONS**

C3

Citizens For Ridgefield Schools (CFRS)
Citizens For Ridgefield Schools -
PO Box 1304
Ridgefield, Washington 98642

Deposit date: 04/12/2024
Report number: 110210210
Submitted date: 04/12/2024

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received	Amount	Total
a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c)	\$0.00	\$0.00
c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
e. Small contributions	\$0.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$275.00

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
04/11/2024	Copper Bell Bookshop 4315a S Settler Dr suite 110 , Ridgefield, WA 98642		\$275.00	N \$275.00

Date of deposit
04/12/2024

I certify this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge
Treasurer's signature and date
Zach Smith - 04/12/2024



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**SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS
AND EXPENDITURES**

C4

Citizens For Ridgefield Schools (CFRS)
Citizens For Ridgefield Schools -
PO Box 1304
Ridgefield, Washington 98642

Coverage: 04/02/2024 to 04/15/2024
Final report: No
Report number: 110210207
Election year: 2024
Date submitted: 04/12/2024

RECEIPTS

1. Previous total cash and in-kind contributions (last C4 line 8).		\$45,883.06
2. Cash received (Schedule A line 1).	\$0.00	
3. In-kind contributions received (Line 1 schedule B).	\$0.00	
4. Total cash and in-kind contributions received this period (Lines 2 + 3).		\$0.00
5. Loan principal repayments made (Line 2 schedule L).	\$0.00	
6. Corrections (Lines 1 or 3 schedule C).	\$0.00	
7. Net adjustments this period (Lines 5 + 6).		\$0.00
8. Total cash and in-kind contributions during campaign (Lines 1 + 4 + 7).		\$45,883.06
9. Total pledge payments due (Line 2 schedule B).	\$0.00	

EXPENDITURES

10. Previous total cash and in-kind expenditures (Last C-4 line 17).		\$30,227.03
11. Cash expenditures (Line 3 schedule A).	\$1,673.06	
12. In-kind expenditures (Line 1 schedule B).	\$0.00	
13. Total cash and in-kind expenditures made this period (Lines 11 + 12).		\$1,673.06
14. Loan principal repayment made (Line 2 schedule L).	\$0.00	
15. Corrections (Lines 2 + 3 schedule C).	\$0.00	
16. Net adjustments this period (Lines 14 + 15).		\$0.00
17. Total cash and in-kind expenditures during campaign (Lines 10 + 13 + 16).		\$31,900.09

CASH SUMMARY

18. Cash on hand (Lines 8 - 17)	\$13,982.97
Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.	
19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)	\$0.00
20. Balance (Lines 18 - 19)	\$13,982.97

I certify this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's name and date

Zach Smith - 04/12/2024

Schedule A: Cash Receipts and Expenditure Detail

1. CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER CASH RECEIPTS REPORTED ON THE C3:				
2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS (LINE 2 OF C4):				\$0.00
3. EXPENDITURES (CASH AND CREDIT TRANSACTION DETAIL):				
Date paid	Vendor or recipient (Name and address)	Purpose of expense and/or description	Credit/Debt	Cash
N/A	Expenses	Non-itemized expenditures		\$0.00
04/05/2024	USPS 205 N Main Ave , Ridgefield, wa 98642	Postage costs, mail permits, purchase of stamps: Postage cost for first 3k mailers		\$1,260.00
04/05/2024	Kauffman Mail 103 S 2nd Place , Rigefield, WA 98642	Postage costs, mail permits, purchase of stamps: Mail service and sales tax for first 3k mailers		\$413.06
			\$0.00	\$1,673.06
4. TOTAL EXPENDITURES:				\$1,673.06