

Respondent Name
Leah Daarud
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Tue, 20 Feb 2024 at 3:34 PM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>This candidate failed to timely file the required 21-day pre-primary C4 report, the required 7-day pre-primary C4 report, and the required post-primary C4 report.</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> <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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>Because this candidate 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.</p> <p>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>It is imperative that PDC staff reach out to this candidate immediately to bring them into compliance.</p>
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.

Leah Daarud - 2023

Candidate Information

Office:

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Jurisdiction:

CITY OF CENTRALIA

Registration:

June 08, 2023

Address:

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Centralia, WA 98531

Email:

lbaarud4centralia@gmail.com

Phone:

3605408580

Financial Information

No data available.

Status
<p>Primary Election Status:</p> <p>Lost in primary</p> <p>Campaign Status:</p> <p>Candidate declared</p>

Reports

[Candidate's Personal Financial Affairs disclosure](#)

[Candidate's surplus funds account](#)

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.

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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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
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No records found

There are no reports available for this campaign

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Registration Filed

Candidate
Full Reporting
Submitted date: 06/08/2023
Certified by snohomishnaturals@gmail.com
2023
DAARL--531

Candidacy

Leah Daarud
City Of Centralia
City Council Member
Position City Council Member At-Large Position 2
snohomishnaturals@gmail.com

Bank Information

Twin Star Credit Union
1320 S Gold St, Centralia, WA 98531
Centralia, Wa 98531
To schedule books review contact snohomishnaturals@gmail.com

Officers

Candidate is treasurer.

Attachments

Name	Description

The "Estimated Ballots Left to Count" does not include ballots postmarked on or before Election Day that may continue to arrive through the mail, ballots with signature issues that must be corrected before they can be counted, or ballots picked up at drop boxes on Election Day.

A write-in candidate might not appear in election results if the total number of write-in votes is too small to affect the outcome of the election. (RCW 29A.60.021)

August 1, 2023 Primary

Last updated on 08/14/2023 4:26 PM

Number of Precincts	72
Number of Registered Voters	35,132
Total Ballots Counted	8,957
Estimated Ballots Left to Count	
Next Ballot Count On	FINAL
Last Tabulated	08/14/2023 4:26 PM
Voter Turnout	25.5%
Certification Date	08/15/2023
Export Results	CSV · XML Precincts CSV

City/Town

CENTRALIA CITY Council Position 1 At-Large		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Steven Hubbard	480	21.54%
Chris Brewer	1,084	48.65%
Russell Barr	632	28.37%
WRITE-IN	32	1.44%
Total Votes	2,228	
Precinct Results »		

CENTRALIA CITY Council Position 2 At-Large		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Kelly Smith Johnston	1,229	54.14%
Leah Daarud	218	9.6%

Joyce Barnes	601	26.48%
Anthony Ahrens	204	8.99%
WRITE-IN	18	0.79%
Total Votes	2,270	
Precinct Results »		

MORTON CITY Council Position 1		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Jason Sawyer	96	44.24%
Dennis Morningstar	60	27.65%
Aubrey Grantham	53	24.42%
WRITE-IN	8	3.69%
Total Votes	217	
Precinct Results »		

WINLOCK CITY Council Position 3		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Shelly Allen	17	7.87%
Eric Contreras	62	28.7%
Jodie Curtis	134	62.04%
WRITE-IN	3	1.39%
Total Votes	216	
Precinct Results »		

CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401 Director District At Large (4)

*Multi-county race. Results include only Lewis County.

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Levi Godinho	79	30.62%
Gary Stoner	105	40.7%
Tracy Morgan	68	26.36%
WRITE-IN	6	2.33%
Total Votes	258	

Multi-county Results » Precinct Results »

CHEHALIS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 302 Director District 5 At-Large

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
J. Vanderstoep	1,636	61.02%
Julie Balmelli-Powe	446	16.64%
Matt Fagerness	400	14.92%
Anthony Mixer	174	6.49%
WRITE-IN	25	0.93%
Total Votes	2,681	

Precinct Results »

EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404 Director at Large Pos. 4

*Multi-county race. Results include only Lewis County.

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Corey Ackerman	11	28.95%

Karen Carr	8	21.05%
Kim Williams	18	47.37%
WRITE-IN	1	2.63%
Total Votes	38	
Multi-county Results » Precinct Results »		

TOLEDO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 237 Director District 2		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Monique Norberg	304	35.72%
Heather Garman	133	15.63%
Adam Hutchinson Sr.	408	47.94%
WRITE-IN	6	0.71%
Total Votes	851	
Precinct Results »		

Fire

FIRE DISTRICT 3 - MOSSYROCK Multiple Year Permanent Lid Lift		
Measure	Vote	Vote %
Approved	286	47.99%
Rejected	310	52.01%
Total Votes	596	100%
Precinct Results »		

FIRE DISTRICT 5 - NAPA VINE Levy Lid Lift		
Measure	Vote	Vote %

Approved	1,097	57.52%
Rejected	810	42.48%
Total Votes	1,907	100%
Precinct Results »		

FIRE DISTRICT 6 - CHEHALIS Commissioner Position 3		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Gregory Greene	510	35.61%
Ken Cardinale	766	53.49%
Abraham Meyer	144	10.06%
WRITE-IN	12	0.84%
Total Votes	1,432	
Precinct Results »		

FIRE DISTRICT 20 - COWLITZ-LEWIS Levy Lid Lift *Multi-county race. Results include only Lewis County.		
Measure	Vote	Vote %
Approved	213	67.83%
Rejected	101	32.17%
Total Votes	314	100%
Multi-county Results » Precinct Results »		