

<b>Respondent Name</b>
Joe Cortez
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Conner Edwards
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Tue, 20 Feb 2024 at 4:48 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- &amp; 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>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
<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>
<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
PDC Website.
<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>

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.

# Joe Cortez - 2023

## Candidate Information

**Office:**

SCHOOL DIRECTOR

**Jurisdiction:**

WENATCHEE SD 246

**Registration:**

May 31, 2023

**Address:**

PO Box 5328

Wenatchee, WA 98807

**Email:**

joesmail02@yahoo.com

**Phone:**

5096798155

## Financial Information

No data available.

### Status

**Primary Election  
Status:**

Lost in primary

**Campaign  
Status:**

Candidate declared

### 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 

25 ▼

 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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## Jose Cortez

Joe Cortez  
PO Box 5328  
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### Registration Filed

Candidate  
Full Reporting  
Submitted date: 05/31/2023  
Certified by joesmail02@yahoo.com  
2023  
CORTJ--315

### Candidacy

Jose Cortez  
Wenatchee Sd 246  
School Director  
Position School Director Position 4  
joesmail02@yahoo.com

## Bank Information

North Cascades Bank

614 N. Mission St.

Wenatchee, WA 98801

To schedule books review contact [joesmail02@yahoo.com](mailto:joesmail02@yahoo.com)

## Officers

### Stephanie Bradshaw

Ministerial Treasurer

213 Lilly Lane

Wenatchee, WA 98801

[stephaniebradshaw0@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniebradshaw0@gmail.com)

509-630-1331

## Attachments

Name	Description
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# August 1, 2023 Primary

Last updated on 08/15/2023 1:39 PM

Number of Precincts	107
Number of Registered Voters	51,442
Total Ballots Counted	15,178
Estimated Ballots Left to Count	
Next Ballot Count On	FINAL
Last Tabulated	08/15/2023 1:39 PM
Voter Turnout	29.51%
Certification Date	08/15/2023
Export Results	<a href="#">CSV</a> · <a href="#">XML</a>   <a href="#">Precincts CSV</a>

## County

CHELAN COUNTY ASSESSOR		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Wes Cornelius (Prefers Republican Party)	7,095	53.13%
Mark C. Miller (Prefers Republican Party)	6,042	45.24%
WRITE-IN	218	1.63%
Total Votes	13,355	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		



## School

### MANSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 School Board Member Director District #2

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Aurora Flores	369	36.64%
Tanaya West	241	23.93%
Kourtney Alanis	394	39.13%
WRITE-IN	3	0.3%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>1,007</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		

### WENATCHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 246 DISTRICT 4 School Board Director District 4

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Joe Cortez	203	20.61%
Miranda Skalisky	521	52.89%
Kendra Martin	260	26.4%
WRITE-IN	1	0.1%

<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>985</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		

WENATCHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 246 School Board Director District 5 At-Large		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
MARTIN BARRON	4,417	55.49%
Tricia Cleek	2,906	36.51%
John LaCasse	567	7.12%
WRITE-IN	70	0.88%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>7,960</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		

## City/Town

CITY OF CHELAN Mayor		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Erin McCardle	444	31.67%

Bob Goedde	397	28.32%
John R. Olson	317	22.61%
Stan Morse	241	17.19%
WRITE-IN	3	0.21%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>1,402</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH Mayor		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Rich Brinkman	235	25.88%
Becki Subido	211	23.24%
Carl J. Florea	455	50.11%
WRITE-IN	7	0.77%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>908</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		

## CITY OF WENATCHEE MAYOR

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
James McLaughlin	866	14.4%
Bryan R Campbell	2,369	39.38%
Mike Poirier	2,761	45.9%
WRITE-IN	19	0.32%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>6,015</b>	

[Precinct Results »](#)

## Fire

### FIRE DISTRICT NO. 6 Commissioner #1

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Rex King	100	9.44%
Kip Higdon	46	4.34%
Mathew Rise	299	28.23%
Phillip Guthrie	614	57.98%

WRITE-IN	0	
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>1,059</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		

## Hospital

HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2 Commissioner #1		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Debra Edinger	570	19.59%
Len England	1,096	37.68%
Mary T Signorelli	1,223	42.04%
WRITE-IN	20	0.69%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>2,909</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		