

<b>Respondent Name(s)</b>
Alan Makayev
<b>Complainant Name(s)</b>
Conner Edwards
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p><u><a href="#">Conner Edwards</a></u> reported via the portal (Sat, 3 Aug 2024 at 1:21 PM)</p> <p><b>Description of Complaint</b></p> <p>This candidate failed to disclose the quantity of over \$10k worth of purchased yard signs, see link: <a href="https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/candidates/3310874?expenditure_description=signs#expenditures">https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/candidates/3310874?expenditure_description=signs#expenditures</a></p> <p>Additionally, this candidate failed to include their partisan affiliation on the advertisement as required by RCW 42.17A.320. See RCW 42.17A.320(1), which says: "For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party or independent preference on the declaration of candidacy, that party or independent designation shall be clearly identified in electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising."</p> <p>The candidate's declaration of candidacy indicates that he is running as a "Nonsense Busters" party candidate. See attached.</p> <p><u>Notice to Respondent</u></p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint.</p> <p>This complaint is one of hundreds 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.</p> <p>What are these shortcomings?</p> <p>Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with. Failure to properly educate filers 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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

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

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 committees and enforce filing requirements damages both the public and the candidates themselves.

**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.

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.

PRIMARY 2024

Election: PRIMARY 2024 (08/06/2024) (Primary) 

County:   ▼

Number of offices: 488

Number of candidates: 1027




## How to use this page:

Select the Primary election to see all candidates who filed (select a county to see PCOs).

General Election candidates will display after the Primary is certified.

The election status column displays whether a candidate appears on the Primary ballot.

View your personalized voting information at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov).

														  		
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Statewide	Statewide	Governor	Regular	4	<u>Alan Makayev</u>	PO BOX 1815, TACOMA, WA, 98401	elect@alanforgovernor.org	(253) 640-9900	5/9/2024 5:20:16 PM	NONSENSE BUSTERS	Active	In Primary	24			

ADVERTISING

**ALAN MAKAYEV**  
— FOR GOVERNOR —  
**NO MORE NONSENSE**

**VOTE before 8-6-24, the Primary.**  
**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**  
JUST REMEMBER, FIRST WE ELECT FOOLS,  
THEN THEY MAKE US SUFFER!

**LEARN MORE**

PAID FOR BY: ELECT ALAN FOR GOVERNOR

The advertisement features a man in a suit and tie, pointing towards the text. The background is dark blue with a stylized American flag motif. The text is primarily white and red, with a red button for 'LEARN MORE'.

Following Mayor Bruce Harrell's landslide election in 2021, the council stepped in to