

Respondent Name
Ace Haynes
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p><u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal (Fri, 13 Sep 2024 at 2:08 PM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>Candidate failed to timely file the post-primary C4, see link: https://pdc.wa.gov/news/2024/pdc-sends-late-notice-62-candidates-missing-mandatory-reporting-deadline</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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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> <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/</p> <p>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.</p> <p>“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” — Mahatma Gandhi</p>
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.

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.

PDC sends late notices to 62 candidates for missing mandatory reporting deadline

POSTED ON: SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

The Public Disclosure Commission has sent overdue notices to 62 candidates who appear to have missed the Sept. 10 deadline for mandatory post-primary election spending reports.

State law requires candidates who are participating in the primary election and registered as full reporters (required for those who raise and spend more than \$7,000) to file expenditure (C-4) reports 21 and 7 days prior to primary and general election days regardless of campaign activity. Reports are also due on the tenth day of the month following the election.

The post-primary election report due on July 30 covers campaign spending during the period between July 30 and Aug. 31. The PDC maintains a list of filing deadlines and other reporting resources on its [website](#).

On Sept. 11, the following candidates received notices of possible non-compliance for not filing their post-primary expenditure reports by the deadline.

Campaigns that fail to file mandatory reports may be subject to enforcement action. Improving compliance with mandatory expenditure reporting deadlines is one of the Commission's strategic goals.

Candidate/Office sought

Ace Harry Haynes – State Senator, Legislative District 23
Ambra Mason - Governor
Anders Tron-Haukebo – Clallam County Commissioner
Ann M Fitzgerald – State Rep., Legislative District 38
Austin Anderson – Whatcom County PUD 01 Commissioner
Ben Thomas – Jefferson County Commissioner
Bill Thomas – State Rep., Legislative District 31
Brandt Cappell – Chelan County Commissioner
Brett Graham – State Rep., Legislative District 49
Christa L. Levine – State Rep., Legislative District 7
Dan B. Christopher – Klickitat County Commissioner
Craig J Gocha – Pierce County Sheriff
Cynthia B. Fajardo – Pierce County Sheriff
Dale Whitaker – Secretary of State
Damian Bean – Lewis County Commissioner
Daniel C. Blankenship – Adams County Commissioner
David Griffin – Lieutenant Governor
David Tobin – Pacific County Commissioner
Mark T. Davies – State Rep., Legislative District 1
Dennis R. Lenz – Asotin County Commissioner
Dunia Jonas Wabenga – State Rep., Legislative District 32
Eddie Perez – State Rep, Legislative District 14
Edward Cale IV - Governor
F. Dayle Andersen – Spokane County Superior Court Judge
Forest J. Hofer – Skamania County Commissioner
Jeffrey J Smart – Benton County Commissioner
John A. Austin III – Pierce County Superior Court Judge
Jonathan Welch – San Juan County Council member
Joshua Good – Skamania County Commissioner
Justin Franks – State Rep., Legislative District 19
Justin Greywolf – State Rep., Legislative District 11
Kevin R Burgess – Grant County Commissioner
Kristina A. Mitchell – State Rep., Legislative District 21
Kyle Curtis – Yakima County Commissioner
Landon Halverson – State Rep, Legislative District 5

Leon Anon Lawson - Governor
Lisa R. Blakeney – Ferry County Commissioner
Lori McPherson – State Rep., Legislative District 26
Matthew C. Hawkins – State Auditor
Matthew T. Macklin – Kitsap County Commissioner
Matt McCally – State Rep., Legislative District 37
Melvin Kaleolani Apana – State Rep., Legislative District 20
Albert W. Merkel – State Senator, Legislative District 4
Nicholas Eugene Timm – Okanogan County Commissioner
Paul L. Nuchims – Kitsap County Commissioner
Randall S Johnson – Clallam County Commissioner
Robert J. Sutherland – State Rep, Legislative District 39
Rob Jones – Grant County Commissioner
Rylee Fleury – Skagit County Commissioner
Sam Sim – State Rep., Legislative District 44
Shaun Scott – State Rep., Legislative District 43
James Sorensen – Grays Harbor County Commissioner
Stanley I. Lippmann – State Rep., Legislative District 41
Stephanie LLOYD-Agnew – State Rep., Legislative District 43
Steven Thompson – Stevens County Commissioner
Theodore W. Jackson – Mason County Commissioner
Tim Verzal – Insurance Commissioner
Todd A. Bloom – State Supreme Court Justice
Avrum (Alex) Tsimerman - Governor
Kevin R. Waters – State Rep., Legislative District 17
Worthington, Lucia Arete – State Senator, Legislative District 49
Zephaniah Borynack – State Rep., Legislative District 39

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