#### **Respondent Name**

Southwest Washington Firefighters PAC (SWF PAC) - 2024

**Complainant Name** 

**Conner Edwards** 

#### **Complaint Description**

Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Fri, 27 Sep 2024 at 2:28 PM)

#### **Description of Complaint**

There are currently other two active complaints against this respondent.

1) This complaint (for a \$801 deposit) was filed approximately 16 days late, see link: <u>https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110247467</u>

2) Since this August deposit was over \$750.00, it triggered a requirement for the committee to file a C4 covering August, which was due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. This still hasn't been filed. See attached.

Notice to Respondent

I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint.

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.

What are these shortcomings?

Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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.

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.

Slowly (too slowly) this strategy is starting to yield concrete and beneficial changes. You can read about these changes here: <u>https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/</u>

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

#### 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.



# Southwest Washington Firefighters PAC (SWF PAC) - 2024

**Committee Information** 

Registration August 12, 2020

**Treasurer** Tony Lothspeich 2807 NW Fruit Valley Rd Vancouer, WA, 98660 3606004542

**Political Committee Type** Other

**Jurisdiction** None reported.

**Committee Address** 2807 NW Fruit Valley Rd Vancouer, WA 98660

**Phone** 3607840509

**Email** brandonf@iafflocal1805.org

# **Financial Information**

**Campaign Starting Balance** \$31,055.79

Contributions Amount \$6,873.00

Loans Amount \$0.00

**Total Receipts** \$37,928.79

Expenditures \$0.00

#### <u>Pledges</u>

\$0.00

#### <u>Debts</u> \$0.00

# Made to committee for 2024 <u>Contributions</u>

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

#### Contributions made to committee for 2024

Individual \$6,848.00

**Other** \$25.00

# 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.

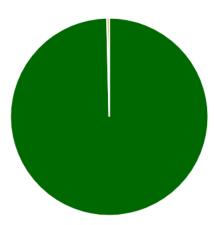
#### No expenditures reported.

Made to committee

See loans received, forgiven or paid by the campaign.

\$0.00

Held by committee



# <u>Debts</u>

See the campaign's debt reporting history.

## \$0.00

# **Campaign Finance Reports**

See the reports filed by the committee. Reports with a strike through were amended by another report. Show  $25 \sim$  entries

Download 16 rows as CSV.

Period -	Report Number 🗘	Filed 🗘	Report 🖨	Form Type	Election Year 🗘
08/12/2024 - 08/12/2024	110247467	09/26/2024	View Report	C3	2024
07/16/2024 - 07/16/2024	110238782	08/17/2024	View Report	C3	2024
07/01/2024 - 07/31/2024	110238799	08/17/2024	View Report	C4	2024
06/17/2024 - 06/17/2024	110230839	07/16/2024	View Report	C3	2024
06/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	110238798	08/17/2024	View Report	C4	2024
05/08/2024 - 05/08/2024	110228907	07/14/2024	View Report	C3	2024
05/01/2024 - 05/31/2024	110228908	07/14/2024	View Report	C4	2024
04/12/2024 - 04/12/2024	110218827	06/04/2024	View Report	C3	2024
04/01/2024 - 04/30/2024	110228903	07/14/2024	View Report	C4	2024
03/13/2024 - 03/13/2024	110228901	07/14/2024	View Report	C3	2024
03/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	110228902	07/14/2024	View Report	C4	2024
02/15/2024 - 02/15/2024	110218800	06/04/2024	View Report	C3	2024
02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024	110228891	07/14/2024	View Report	C4	2024
01/15/2024 - 01/15/2024	110202039	02/16/2024	<u>View Report</u>	C3	2024
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01/01/2024 - 01/31/2024	110230825	07/16/2024	View Report	C4 - Amended	2024

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