

Respondent Name
American Federation of Teachers WA Committee on Political Education
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Thu, 2 Jan 2025 at 11:23 AM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>See attached complaint.</p> <p>Notice to Respondent</p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint. The chance that you will actually be fined for the violations identified above is extremely small because the agency is averse to doing the work necessary to bring cases to hearings. Most likely this case – and any future cases against you – will simply be dismissed by staff.</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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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 the regulated community 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>“I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.” — Angela Davis</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
See complaint. The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing disclosure requirements. The agency’s failure to actively monitor compliance with these requirements and enforce them damages both the public and members of the regulated community.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
See complaint and also PDC website.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
See complaint and also 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.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
WASHINGTON COMMITTEE ON
POLITICAL EDUCAT 2024

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Committee Overview

Registered May 15, 2007
Continuing Committee (Union)
Treasurer is Somma Rath

Committee Contact

604 Oakesdale Ave SW Ste 103
Renton, WA 98057

srath@aftwa.org

206-432-8085

Financial Overview

\$26,880.90	+	\$21,822.25	+	\$1,000.00	=	\$49,703.15
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised
\$47,275.00				\$0.00		\$0.00
Total spent				Pledges		Debt

Committee Reports and Forms

Registration Form

[Contributors and Vendors Map](#)

Made to committee for 2024

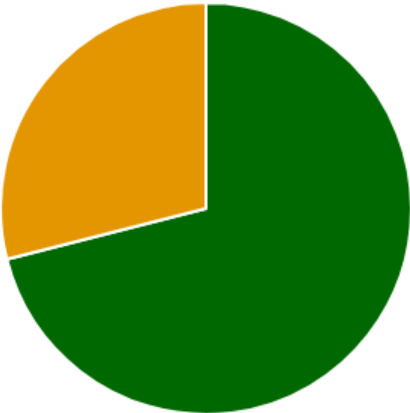
Contributions

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

Contributions made to committee for 2024

Other
\$15,500.47

Individual
\$6,321.78



Made by committee for 2024

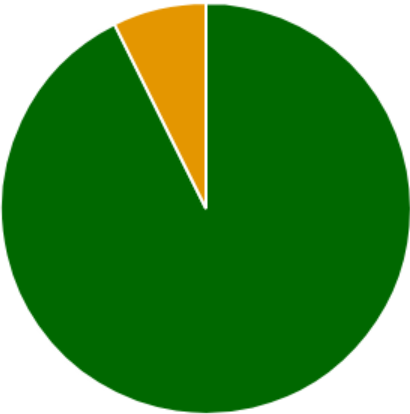
Expenditures

See how the committee has spent money, and what kind of goods and services it received as in-kind contributions.

Expenditures made by candidate for 2024

Monetary contributions to PAC...
\$43,800.00

Not Provided
\$3,475.00



Made to committee

Loans

See loans received, forgiven or paid by the campaign.

\$1,000.00

Held by committee

Debts

See the campaign's debt reporting history.

\$0.00

Campaign Finance Reports

See the reports filed by the committee. Reports with a strikethrough were amended by another report.

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11/01/2024 - 11/30/2024	110265585	12/30/2024	View Report	C4	2024
10/09/2024 - 10/09/2024	110259408	11/07/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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02/08/2024 - 02/08/2024	110206278	03/25/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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Itemized Expenditures

\$47,275.00

Shown below are the campaign’s expenditures. Small expenses may be grouped together and reported as one sum. Donated goods and services (known as in-kind contributions) also appear here as expenditures, with the contributor listed in the recipient column.

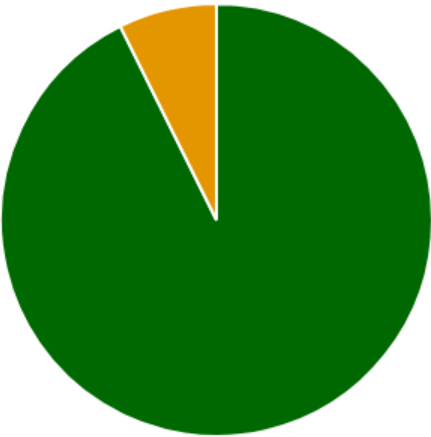
Expenditures by Expense Type

Monetary contributions to PAC...

\$43,800.00

Not Provided

\$3,475.00



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Ana Ruiz Kennedy Elect	10/18/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Pasco	WA	\$700.00	View Report
Ana Ruiz Kennedy Elect	09/05/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Pasco	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Brown for Attorney General, Democrat Nick	09/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Brown for Attorney General, Democrat Rick	05/28/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Brynn Felix Elect	06/07/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Tacoma	WA	\$400.00	View Report
Dimas for State Rep Chelsea	10/22/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Sunnyside	WA	\$700.00	View Report
Dimas for State Rep Chelsea	09/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Sunnyside	WA	\$500.00	View Report
ELECT CLYDE SHAVERS	09/23/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Oak Harbor	WA	\$600.00	View Report
ELECT DEBRA ENTENMAN	07/01/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	KENT	WA	\$400.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	11/01/2024				\$25.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	10/01/2024				\$25.00	View Report

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EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	09/01/2024				\$2,025.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	08/01/2024				\$25.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	07/01/2024				\$25.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	06/01/2024				\$825.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	05/01/2024				\$425.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	04/01/2024				\$25.00	View Report
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EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	02/01/2024				\$25.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	01/01/2024				\$25.00	View Report
Ferguson for Governor Bob	10/07/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$1,400.00	View Report
Ferguson for Governor Bob	05/28/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$2,400.00	View Report
for by Friends of Maria Beltran Paid	10/23/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Yakima	WA	\$700.00	View Report
for by Friends of Maria Beltran Paid	09/05/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Yakima	WA	\$500.00	View Report
for by Friends of Maria Beltran Paid	05/29/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Yakima	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
for House Rep Natasha	06/13/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Spokane	WA	\$400.00	View Report
for Justice Sal	09/05/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$400.00	View Report
for Mia People	06/04/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seahurst	WA	\$400.00	View Report

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for Nate Tyler Vote	05/24/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Port Angeles	WA	\$300.00	View Report
for Senate Maria	09/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	White Salmon	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
for State Senate Cortes	10/25/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Battle Ground	WA	\$400.00	View Report
for State Senate Cortes	09/16/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Battle Ground	WA	\$800.00	View Report
for Steve Bergquist Citizens	05/23/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Renton	WA	\$400.00	View Report
for Timms Ormsby People	06/17/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Spokane	WA	\$600.00	View Report
for Victoria Hunt People	09/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Issaquah	WA	\$600.00	View Report
for Victoria Hunt People	05/28/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Issaquah	WA	\$400.00	View Report
FRIENDS OF LAURIE JINKINS	09/23/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	TACOMA	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Jason Ritchie Elect	06/14/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Issaquah	WA	\$400.00	View Report
John Zingale Elect	10/21/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$400.00	View Report
John Zingale Elect	09/05/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$600.00	View Report
John Zingale Elect	05/29/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$400.00	View Report
Manka for Attorney General Elect	05/22/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Redmond	WA	\$500.00	View Report
of Adison Richards Friends	09/20/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Gig Harbor	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
of Adison Richards Friends	06/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Gig Harbor	WA	\$800.00	View Report
of April Berg Friends	09/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report

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of Chris Reykdal Friends	09/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Tumwater	WA	\$2,400.00	View Report
of Chris Reykdal Friends	05/21/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Tumwater	WA	\$2,400.00	View Report
of Janet St. Clair Friends	09/16/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Camano Island	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
of Janet St. Clair Friends	06/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Camano Island	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
of Jessica Bateman Friends	05/30/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Olympia	WA	\$300.00	View Report
of Joe Fitzgibbon Friends	09/19/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Burien	WA	\$300.00	View Report
of Julia Reed Friends	06/17/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$400.00	View Report
of Laurie Jinkin Friends	06/07/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Tacoma	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Lillian Ortiz-Self Friends	06/24/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Mukilteo	WA	\$400.00	View Report
of Lisa Wellman Friends	09/19/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Mercer Island	WA	\$500.00	View Report
of Lisa Wellman Friends	06/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Mercer Island	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Mary Fosse Friends	06/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Everett	WA	\$400.00	View Report
of Nicole Macri Friends	06/07/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$400.00	View Report
of T'wina Nobles Friends	09/12/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	University Place	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
of T'wina Nobles Friends	06/07/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	University Place	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Vandana Slatter Friends	10/07/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Bellevue	WA	\$500.00	View Report
of Vandana Slatter Friends	06/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Bellevue	WA	\$600.00	View Report

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PEOPLE FOR TIMM ORMSBY	09/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	SPOKANE	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Scott The Fighting 43rd Shaun	09/06/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$300.00	View Report
Terri Niles Elect	09/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
Tiffany Mitchell Vote	09/16/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Port Orchard	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
Tomiko Santos Sharon	09/23/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Tomiko Santos Sharon	06/20/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$400.00	View Report
VOTE ALICIA RULE	11/04/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	BLAINE	WA	\$600.00	View Report
VOTE ALICIA RULE	09/23/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	BLAINE	WA	\$600.00	View Report
VOTE JOE TIMMONS	09/12/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Bellingham	WA	\$600.00	View Report
VOTE LIZ BERRY	09/16/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
VOTE LIZ BERRY	05/29/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$600.00	View Report
VOTE RAMOS	09/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	ISSAQUAH	WA	\$600.00	View Report

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**CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY
CONTRIBUTIONS**

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL
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604 Oakesdale Ave SW Ste 103
Renton, WA 98057

Deposit date: 11/22/2024
Report number: 110265582
Submitted date:
12/30/2024

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c)	\$0.00	\$0.00
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
11/22/2024	e. Small contributions (141 persons giving)	\$460.33	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$1,267.12

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
11/22/2024	LIN HSINMEI c/o 604 Oakesdale Ave SW Ste 103 , Renton, WA 98057	Occupation: Edmonds College	\$30.00	N \$315.00
11/22/2024	MERAMORE JOSH 10012 162nd PL NE , REDMOND, WA 98052		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	Huitron_lilly Guadalupe 407 N 77th Ave , Yakima, WA 98908		\$10.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	Davis Beth 1919 196th St SW Unit 33 , Lynnwood, WA 98036		\$10.00	N \$120.00
11/22/2024	Androy Jim 6031 A St , Tacoma, WA 98408		\$20.00	N \$220.00
11/22/2024	FAGEL JOYCE G 14010 Greenwood Ave N , Seattle, WA 98133		\$10.00	N \$115.00
11/22/2024	FUZIE MARK J 2102 S 69th Ave , Yakima, WA 98903		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	BROWN AIMEE 1472 NW 70th St , Seattle, WA 98117		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	CUSHNIE LAWRENCE J 11251 Arroyo Beach Pl SW , Seattle, WA 98146		\$10.00	N \$105.00

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
11/22/2024	KENT GREGORY D 1206 S 12th Ave , Yakima, WA 98902		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	SIMICICH LORI 7708 134th St SE , Snohomish, WA 98296		\$10.00	N \$115.00
11/22/2024	MAY-FARLEY SHEILA M 18215 E SPRING LAKE DR SE , RENTON, WA 98058-0618		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	MITCHLER SHARON J 3231 SKOOTER LN NE , OLYMPIA, WA 98506		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	HOPKINS SHANNON J 701 S 80TH AVE , YAKIMA, WA 98908- 9726		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	HADDOCK SCOTT L 22616 105TH AVE W , EDMONDS, WA 98020-5135		\$14.00	N \$154.00
11/22/2024	REMPEL REX 5812 110TH AVE NE , KIRKLAND, WA 98033		\$10.00	N \$210.00
11/22/2024	DORN RACHEL L 202 S 8TH AVE , YAKIMA, WA 98902- 3312		\$5.00	N \$193.22
11/22/2024	LUCAS PETER JOHN 3111 N 13TH ST , TACOMA, WA 981406		\$10.00	N \$200.00
11/22/2024	STRICKLAND KAREN L 1717 FIFTH AVE N #301 , SEATTLE, WA 98109-2969	AFT WASHINGTON TUKWILA WA Occupation: AFT WASHINGTON PRESIDENT	\$50.00	N \$550.00
11/22/2024	PHUNG TRAN M 711 DONOVAN AVE #3 , BELLINGHAM, WA 98225	Whatcom College Bellingham WA Occupation: INSTRUCTOR	\$30.00	N \$330.00
11/22/2024	LAI TRACY 3214 24TH AVE S , SEATTLE, WA 98144-6512		\$5.00	N \$195.00
11/22/2024	RODY TIMOTHY SEAN 813 SW 143RD ST , BURIEEN, WA 98166-1557		\$10.00	N \$200.00
11/22/2024	WILSON SUSAN 31812 19TH DRIVE NW , STANWOOD, WA 98292		\$18.96	N \$189.48
11/22/2024	HOENE JENNIFER K 7124 30TH AVE SW , SEATTLE, WA 98126	Green River College Auburn WA Occupation: INSTRUCTOR	\$15.00	N \$300.00
11/22/2024	KRUSE JASON 3115 N MONROE ST , TACOMA, WA 98407-5421		\$10.00	N \$110.00

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
11/22/2024	GOOCH JASON D 3208 W YAKIMA AVE , YAKIMA, WA 98902-2765		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	SALCEDO JASON C 1819 STEELE ST SE , OLYMPIA, WA 98501-3123		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	LEISING JARED M 315 NE 58TH ST , SEATTLE, WA 98105- 2714		\$10.00	N \$210.00
11/22/2024	FRANCIS JAMES D 12910 NE 25TH PL , BELLEVUE, WA 98005-1722		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	CARDENAS JAIME 5253 S BRANDON ST , SEATTLE, WA 98118-2522	SEATTLE COLLEGES SEATTLE WA Occupation: INSTRUCTOR	\$30.00	N \$330.00
11/22/2024	VILLANUEVA GINGER F 15122 8TH AVE NE , SHORELINE, WA 98155		\$20.00	N \$230.00
11/22/2024	HENRY GARY R 804 MUKILTEO SPEEDWAY , MUKILTEO, WA 98275-1853		\$10.00	N \$115.00
11/22/2024	SPRAFKA EMILY C 302 S BUCKNER ST , CENTRALIA, WA 98531		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	SCHOENE ELIZABETH 9810 28TH AVE SW #201 , SEATTLE, WA 98126		\$12.50	N \$250.00
11/22/2024	EICHNER NANCY 3412 11TH AVE W , SEATTLE, WA 98119		\$15.00	N \$165.00
11/22/2024	L JONES MICHELE 7539 E F. St , Tacoma, WA 98404		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	RUBY MICHAEL R 620 534TH ST , TACOMA, WA 98418		\$10.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	WEWER MICHAEL J 4113 EVANSTON AVE N , SEATTLE, WA 98103-7726		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	Whitfield Mary 2911 NE 53rd St , Seattle, WA 98105- 3115		\$20.00	N \$220.00
11/22/2024	CUEVAS MARIA D 222 N 24TH AVE , YAKIMA, WA 98902		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	MARTIN LOIS A 129 21ST AVE , SEATTLE, WA 98122- 5911		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	WILSON LAUREN G 9738 15TH AVE NW , SEATTLE, WA 98117-2314		\$10.00	N \$110.00

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11/22/2024	WENNSTROM KIRA L 5006 221ST ST SW , MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WA 98043-4020		\$10.00	N \$115.00
11/22/2024	MURPHY KATHLEEN V 18320 69TH PL W , LYNNWOOD, WA 98037-4140		\$10.00	N \$190.00
11/22/2024	BURRELL DEETTA 17735 105TH PL SE APT K204 , RENTON, WA 98055-8417		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	OLDHAM DAVIS 5039 49TH AVE S , SEATTLE, WA 98118-2045	SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHORELINE WA Occupation: ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR	\$20.00	N \$400.00
11/22/2024	ORTIZ DAVID 15700 116TH AVE NE. APT. 407 , BOTHELL, WA 98011		\$20.00	N \$210.00
11/22/2024	DORRATCAGUE DAVID E 8406 NE 124TH ST , KIRKLAND, WA 98034-2647		\$5.00	N \$105.00
11/22/2024	SHAPIRO DAVID A 325 30TH AVE , SEATTLE, WA 98122- 6223		\$10.00	N \$200.00
11/22/2024	TAYLOR DANIEL 1120 W PER ST , CENTRELIA, WA 98531		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	WARMINGTON CURTIS W 6814 TOPAZ DR SW , LAKEWOOD, WA 98498	PIERCE COLLEGE LAKEWOOD WA Occupation: INSTRUCTOR	\$50.00	N \$550.00
11/22/2024	ZAHAJKO CRISTINA C 531 NE 86TH ST , SEATTLE, WA 98115- 2930		\$20.00	N \$220.00
11/22/2024	DOSCH COREY J 5905 HIDDEN MEADOWS LN SW , OLYMPIA, WA 98512		\$20.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	BASSHAM COLLEEN C 3000 NE 4TH ST , RENTON, WA 98056		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	FERRERI ERIKA S 4217 164TH ST SW , LYNNWOOD, WA 98087-9014		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	HAMAKO ERIC A 12508 LAKE CITY WAY NE APT 213 , SEATTLE, WA 98125-4441		\$7.00	N \$140.00
11/22/2024	ZWOLENSKI CHRISTOPHER P 2710 GRANT ST , BELLINGHAM, WA 98225		\$20.00	N \$210.00
11/22/2024	BYRNE CHRISTINE		\$10.00	N \$200.00

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	6661 MAXWELTON RD , CLINTON, WA 98236			
11/22/2024	BANSENAUER BRIAN T 4030 224TH ST SE APT 5 , BOTHELL, WA 98021		\$20.00	N \$220.00
11/22/2024	FITZGERALD ANNAMARY J 1926 OLYMPIA AVE NE , OLYMPIA, WA 98506-4644		\$10.00	N \$110.00
11/22/2024	LAZERTE AMY 12249 EVANSTON AVE N , SEATTLE, WA 98133		\$9.33	N \$102.55

Date of deposit

11/22/2024

I certify this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's signature and date

Somma Rath - 12/30/2024

Complaint Against: American Federation of Teachers WA Committee on Political Education

Submitted: 1/2/25

Notice to Respondent Due By: 1/12/25 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 4/2/25 per RCW 42.17A.755(3)

Statutes Violated: RCW 42.17A.235, .240

Background

Washington State's Campaign Finance Disclosure Law

One of the primary purposes of the public disclosure law is to provide citizens of this state, and especially voters, with the means for becoming informed about the financing of political campaigns.¹ The public disclosure law was enacted through voter approval of Initiative 276 in 1972.

State law requires candidates and committees that register under full reporting to submit regular reports of financial activity. Those reports are filed on schedules outlined on the PDC's key reporting dates calendar.²

Violations

This committee failed to timely file the post-general C4 report. This report was due regardless of the level of activity because this committee supported candidates appearing on the general election ballot. See link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110265585>

Conclusion

I urge the PDC staff to take quick action and resolve the noncompliance identified in this complaint.

Best,

/s/

Conner Edwards
(425) 533-1677 cell

Notice to Respondent

I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint. The chance that you will actually be fined for the violations identified above is extremely small because the agency is averse to doing the work necessary to bring cases to hearings. Most likely this case – and any future cases against you – will simply be dismissed by staff.

This complaint is one of over one thousand complaints 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.

¹ <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics>

² <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics/key-dates-2024>

What are these shortcomings?

Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with. Failure to properly educate the regulated community 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: <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.

“You can’t make an omelet without breaking a few eggs.”
— François de Charette