

Respondent Name

American Federation of Teachers Washington Committee on Political Education

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

[Conner Edwards](#) reported via the portal

(Fri, 13 Sep 2024 at 7:09 PM)

Description of Complaint

This C3 (for ~\$2000) was filed late: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110240773>

Additionally, based on the attached list it appears that this committee has been making donations to WA candidates and then not reporting the expenditures.

As you can see from this link, the committee has not reported making several donations that other committees have reported as having received from (what appears to be) this entity. See link: <https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/committees/co-2024-20673/expenditures>

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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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

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.

Contributions

Search contributions to all candidates and political committees since 2007. Campaigns are required to itemize any contribution that in aggregate exceed the itemization threshold. Those reported as "in-kind" represent the contribution of goods and services.

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Contributor	Candidate/Committee	Election Year	Campaign Type	City	State	Employer	Occupatic
+ American Federation of Teachers, WA	Mari L Kruger Leavitt (Mari Leavitt)	2024	Candidate	Tukwila	WA		
+ AFT Washington COPE / American Federation of Teachers	Maria Beltran	2024	Candidate	Renton	WA		
+ American Federation of Teachers	Jason Ritchie	2024	Candidate	Renton	WA		

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+ American Federation of Teachers / AFT Washington COPE	Laurie Jenkins	2024	Candidate	Renton	WA		
+ American Federation of Teachers / AFT WA COPE	T'wina Nobles	2024	Candidate	Renton	WA		
+ American Federation of Teachers WA Comm on Political Education	Brynn Felix	2024	Candidate	Renton	WA		

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American Federation of Teachers / AFT Washington COPE	Nicole Macri	2024	Candidate	Renton	WA		
AFT Washington COPE / American Federation of Teachers	Maria Beltran	2024	Candidate	Renton	WA		
AFT Washington COPE State and Local Account / American Federation of Teachers	Nathan Tyler (Nate Tyler)	2024	Candidate	Renton	WA		

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+ American Federation of Teachers Wash. Committee on Political Educ.	No on 2117	2024	Political Committee	Renton	WA		
+ American Federation of Teachers WA Comm on Political Education/AFT WA COPE	Clyde Shavers	2022	Candidate	Renton	WA		
+ American Federation of Teachers WA COPE / AFT	Kristine M. Reeves (KRISTINE REEVES)	2022	Candidate	Renton	WA		
+ AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	Jamila E. Taylor (Jamila Taylor)	2022	Candidate	RENTON	WA		

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+ AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	Manka Dhingra (MANKA DHINGRA)	2022	Candidate	RENTON	WA		
+ AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	Melanie Morgan	2022	Candidate	RENTON	WA		
+ AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	Julio Cortes	2022	Candidate	RENTON	WA		
+ AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	Julianne Y. Gale	2022	Candidate	Renton	WA		
+ AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	Maria de los Angeles Siguenza Lopez (Maria Siguenza)	2022	Candidate	RENTON	WA		
+ American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO COPE	Democratic Association of Secretaries of State (DASS)	2020	Political Committee	Washington	DC		

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+ AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS WA	Angie Homola	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
+ AFT / AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS WA COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION	HUDGINS ZACHARY L	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
+ AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON COPE	Jay R Inslee (JAY INSLEE)	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS + WA COMM ON POLITICAL EDUCATION	JUNE ROBINSON (June Robinson)	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS + WA COMM ON POLITICAL EDUCATION	Suzanne Woodard	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS + WA COMM ON POLITICAL EDUCATION	LORI M FEAGAN (Lori Feagan)	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS + WA COMM ON POLITICAL EDUCATION	HUDGINS ZACHARY L	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON COPE	Jay R Inslee (JAY INSLEE)	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN + FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	April Berg (April Berg)	2020	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
American + Federation of Teachers WA	Melanie Morgan	2018	Candidate	Tukwila	WA		

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AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON COPE	MERRITT JAMES R (JAMES MERRITT)	2017	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON	James Dow Constantine (JAMES CONSTANTINE)	2017	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON	James Dow Constantine (JAMES CONSTANTINE)	2017	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON COPE	Jay R Inslee (JAY INSLEE)	2016	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS + WASHINGTON COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION	Angie Homola	2016	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON	PURCELL TERESA M (TERESA PURCELL)	2016	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION	BREVOORT DORIS J (DORIS BREVOORT)	2016	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS + WA COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION	WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL AFL-CIO DIME PAC (WSLC DIME PAC)	2015	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WASHINGTON	Kshama Sawant (KSHAMA SAWANT)	2015	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WA	YES FOR EARLY SUCCESS	2014	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WA	YES FOR EARLY SUCCESS	2014	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		

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AMERICAN + FEDERATION OF TEACHERS WA	LARRY SEAQUIST	2014	Candidate	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN + FEDERATION OF TEACHERS WA	YES FOR EARLY SUCCESS	2014	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN + FEDERATION OF TEACHERS WA	YES FOR EARLY SUCCESS	2014	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN + FEDERATION OF TEACHERS WA	YES FOR EARLY SUCCESS	2014	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS + WA COPE STATE/LOCAL ACCOUNT	Kilduff, Christine (CHRISTINE KILDUFF)	2014	Candidate	SEATTLE	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WA	YES FOR EARLY SUCCESS	2014	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WA	YES FOR EARLY SUCCESS	2014	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		
AMERICAN FEDERATION + OF TEACHERS WA	YES FOR EARLY SUCCESS	2014	Political Committee	TUKWILA	WA		

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