

Respondent Name

Washington Independent Telecommunications Political Action Committee (WITPAC)

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

Conner Edwards

reported via the portal

(Thu, 22 Aug 2024 at 12:38 PM)

Description of Complaint

This entity has made contributions to candidates appearing on the 2024 primary ballot, see link: <https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/committees/co-2024-20783/expenditures>

Despite this, it has not filed the required 21 and 7 day pre-primary C4 reports, neither has it filed a report covering July. The primary election is now concluded. 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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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: <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 committees 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.

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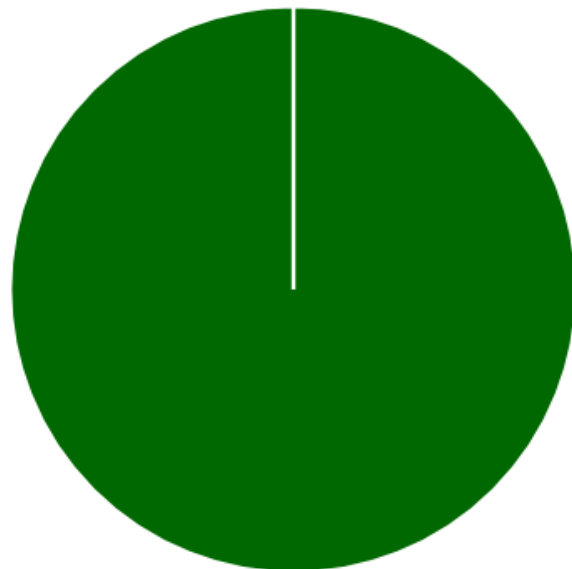
Itemized Expenditures

\$2,000.00

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...
\$2,000.00



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Chapman for State Senate Mike	06/13/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Port Angeles	WA	\$1,000.00	View Report
of Chris Corry Friends	06/18/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Yakima	WA	\$1,000.00	View Report

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Washington Independent Telecommunications Political Action Committee (WITPAC) - 2024

Committee Information

Registration

January 14, 2004

Treasurer

Betty Buckley
PO Box 2473
Olympia, Wa, 98501
(360) 264-2233

Political Committee Type

Continuing Committee (Business)

Jurisdiction

None reported.

Committee Address

PO Box 2473
Olympia, Wa 98501

Phone

(360) 264-2233

Email

bettyb@wita-tel.org

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$-450.07

Contributions Amount

\$7,500.00

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$7,049.93

Expenditures

\$2,000.00

Pledges

\$0.00

Debts

\$0.00

Made to committee for 2024

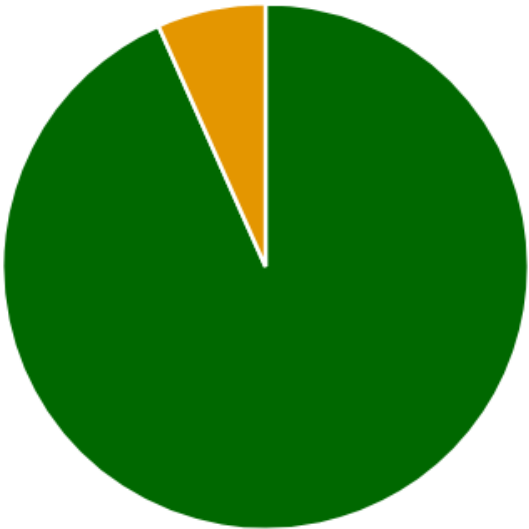
Contributions

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

Contributions made to committee for 2024

Other
\$7,000.00

Business
\$500.00



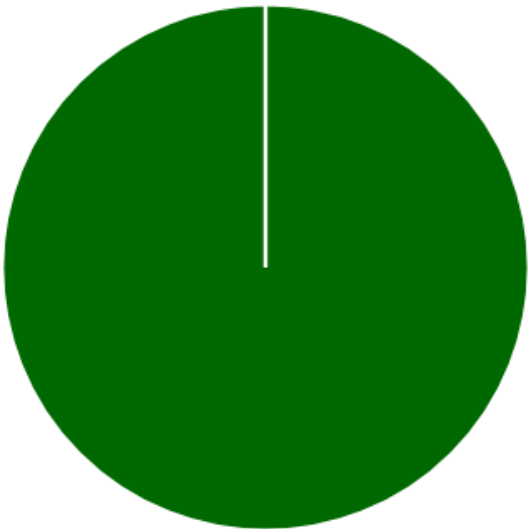
Made by committee for 2024

Expenditures

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

Expenditures made by committee for 2024

Monetary contributions to PAC...
\$2,000.00



Made to committee

Loans

See loans received, forgiven or paid by the campaign.

\$0.00

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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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
06/03/2024 - 06/03/2024	110228514	07/11/2024	View Report	C3	2024
06/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	110228513 Amended by: 110228515	07/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
06/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	110228515	07/11/2024	View Report	C4 - Amended	2024

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
04/01/2024 - 05/31/2024	110228511	07/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
03/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	110228510	07/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024	110228512	07/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
01/02/2024 - 01/02/2024	110201875	02/13/2024	View Report	C3	2024
01/01/2024 - 01/01/2024	110195662	01/07/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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