Respondent Name

Washington Independent Telecommunications Political Action Committee (WITPAC) - 2024

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

<u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal (Wed, 18 Sep 2024 at 1:51 PM)

Description of Complaint

This committee made donations to 2024 primary election candidates, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110228515

Despite this, no 21-day, 7-day, or post-primary reports have been filed. See link.

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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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



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

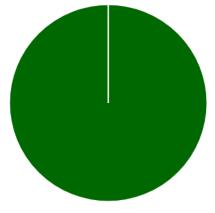
Business \$500.00

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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