

Respondent Names
LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p><u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal (Mon, 5 Aug 2024 at 12:31 PM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>This respondent has previously received a warning letter from the PDC, see link: https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6105/141449%20Combined%20Case%20Closure%20Letter.pdf</p> <p>In that letter, the PDC wrote: “The formal written warning will include staff’s expectation that Lewis County Democratic Central Committee will timely file reports of contributions and expenditures when under the Full Reporting Option. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.”</p> <p>The Lewis County Democratic Central Committee is currently still under the full option, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/registration?registration_id=61122</p> <p>1) This C3 (for a \$1500 deposit) should have been filed no later than 6/10/24, but was not filed until 8/2/24, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110235437 .</p> <p>2) The committee made a contribution to a candidate participating in the primary election in 2024, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110219462 . As such, they were obligated to file both a 7-day and a 21-day C4 report. They failed to do this, and the primary election is being held tomorrow. See attached list of filed reports by this entity.</p> <p>3) This committee also failed to disclose the quantity of postcards that it had printed on this C4, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110207747 .</p> <p><u>Notice to Respondent</u></p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint.</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>

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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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

LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE - NON EXEMPT - 2024

Committee Information

Registration

September 15, 2005

Treasurer

Sonja Svenson
620 Brown Road E
Chehalis, wa, 98532

Political Committee Type

Democratic County Party

Jurisdiction

None reported.

Committee Address

PO BOX 382
CHEHALIS, WA 98532

Phone

425-445-6032

Email

LEWISCODEMOCRATSWA@GMAIL.COM

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$3,349.14

Contributions Amount

\$3,995.00

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$7,344.14

Expenditures

\$2,121.82

Pledges

\$0.00

Debts

\$0.00

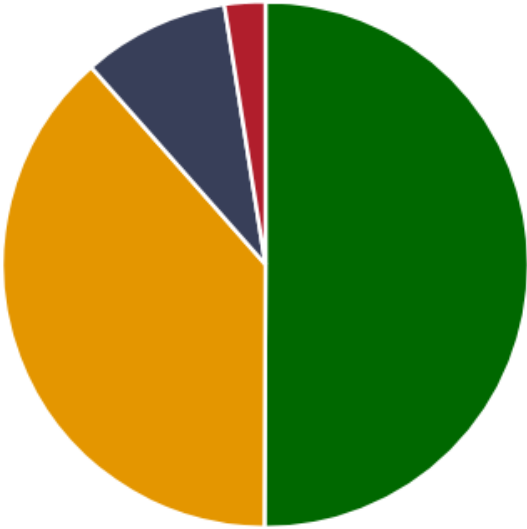
Made to committee for 2024

Contributions

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

Contributions made to committee for 2024

Party	\$2,000.00
Other	\$1,535.00
Individual	\$360.00
Business	\$100.00



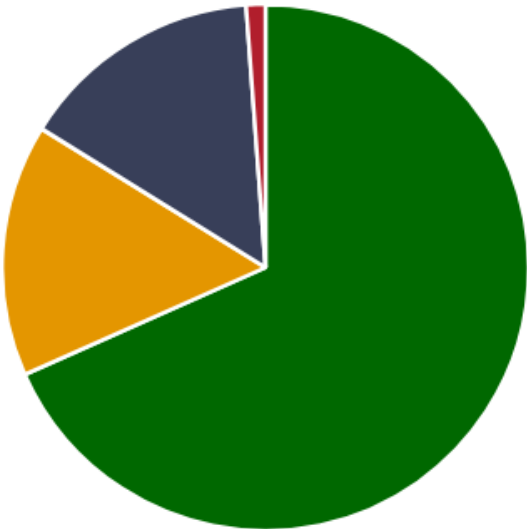
Made by committee for 2024

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...	\$1,450.00
Design/graphic art, etc.	\$328.77
Not Provided	\$318.05
Contribution Refunds	\$25.00



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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