

Respondent Names
N. Smith Hagopian
Complainant Name
Connor Edwards
Complaint Description
<u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal (Thu, 3 Oct 2024 at 10:07 AM) Description of Complaint Hello: This respondent has filed only two reports over the course of the entire 2024 campaign cycle, both in May. See attached. I believe that this candidate has received other contributions and made other expenditures between June and now but has failed to report them. On his sole C4 covering May, the candidate disclosed a negative cash on hand balance of \$10,722.77. See link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110222465 . Additionally, on this C4, the committee failed to file disclose the quantity of yard signs purchased from Presscats. Additionally, on this C4, the committee disclosed a \$2,173.91 payment to the “WA State PDC”. I doubt that this expenditure actually occurred because there would be no reason for him to make a payment of this amount to the PDC. <u>Notice to Respondent</u> 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 will simply be dismissed by staff with a so-called "warning letter". 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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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

See respondent contact info on PDC website.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

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.

N. Smith Hagopian (N. Smith "Smitty" Hagopian)

Candidate for SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE for FERRY/PEND OREILLE/STEVENS CO SUPERIOR COURT * in the 2024 election.

Overview

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Candidate Overview

Registered May 1, 2024

📍 3235A Aladdin Road Colville, 99114

✉ smittyforjudge@gmail.com

Candidacy Status

↳ Candidate registered (5/1/2024)

↳ Candidate declared (5/9/2024)

↳ Qualified for general

Financial Overview

\$0.00	+	\$5,448.91	+	\$0.00	=	\$5,448.91
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised

\$10,972.77		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total spent		Pledges		Debt

\$0.00		\$0.00
Independent expenditures for		Independent expenditures against

Candidate Reports and Forms

[Registration Form](#)

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Made to candidate for 2024

Contributions

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

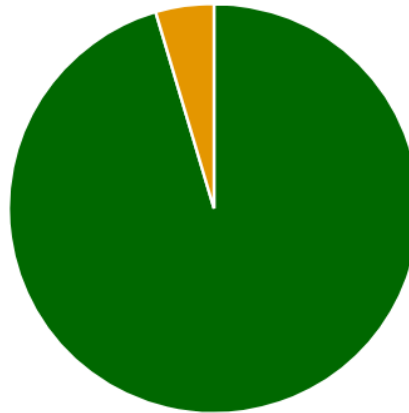
Contributions made to candidate for 2024

Self

\$5,198.91

Individual

\$250.00



Made by candidate for 2024

Expenditures

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

Expenditures made by candidate for 2024

Bank and payment processing...

\$5,412.50

Design/graphic art, etc.

\$2,988.59

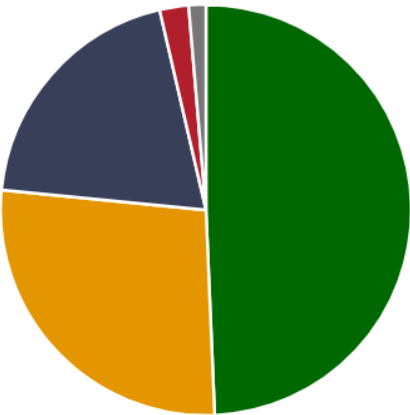
Filing fees

\$2,173.91

Inkind contribution

\$250.00

Not Provided
\$147.77



Candidates Filed for this Position

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* declared candidates (eligible for election)

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
<u>Lisa A Malpass (Lisa Malpass Childress) *</u>	\$26,312.51	\$18,503.17
<u>N. Smith Hagopian (N. Smith "Smitty" Hagopian) *</u>	\$5,448.91	\$10,972.77

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Spending for and against this candidate

Independent Expenditures

Independent expenditures are made by third parties that are not part of a candidate’s campaign.

No independent expenditures reported.

Incurred by candidate

Debts

This information shows the debt for the campaign as of the submission date of the related report.

Outstanding debt for campaign is \$0.00

Campaign Finance Reports

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

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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
05/01/2024 - 05/31/2024	110222465	06/12/2024	View Report	C4	2024
05/17/2024 - 05/17/2024	110238488	08/15/2024	View Report	C3	2024

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SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURES

C4

N. Smith Hagopian (N. Smith "Smitty" Hagopian)
N. Smith "Smitty" Hagopian -
3235A Aladdin Road
Colville, WA 99114
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
FERRY/PEND OREILLE/STEVENS CO SUPERIOR COURT *

Coverage: 05/01/2024 to 05/31/2024
Final report: No
Report number: 110222465
Election year: 2024
Date submitted: 06/12/2024

RECEIPTS

1. Previous total cash and in-kind contributions (last C4 line 8).		\$0.00
2. Cash received (Schedule A line 1).	\$0.00	
3. In-kind contributions received (Line 1 schedule B).	\$250.00	
4. Total cash and in-kind contributions received this period (Lines 2 + 3).		\$250.00
5. Loan principal repayments made (Line 2 schedule L).	\$0.00	
6. Corrections (Lines 1 or 3 schedule C).	\$0.00	
7. Net adjustments this period (Lines 5 + 6).		\$0.00
8. Total cash and in-kind contributions during campaign (Lines 1 + 4 + 7).		\$250.00
9. Total pledge payments due (Line 2 schedule B).	\$0.00	

EXPENDITURES

10. Previous total cash and in-kind expenditures (Last C-4 line 17).		\$0.00
11. Cash expenditures (Line 3 schedule A).	\$10,722.77	
12. In-kind expenditures (Line 1 schedule B).	\$250.00	
13. Total cash and in-kind expenditures made this period (Lines 11 + 12).		\$10,972.77
14. Loan principal repayment made (Line 2 schedule L).	\$0.00	
15. Corrections (Lines 2 + 3 schedule C).	\$0.00	
16. Net adjustments this period (Lines 14 + 15).		\$0.00
17. Total cash and in-kind expenditures during campaign (Lines 10 + 13 + 16).		\$10,972.77

CASH SUMMARY

18. Cash on hand (Lines 8 - 17)		(\$10,722.77)
Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.		
19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)		\$0.00
20. Balance (Lines 18 - 19)		(\$10,722.77)

Candidate name

N. Smith Hagopian (N. Smith "Smitty" Hagopian)

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

Treasurer's name and date

N. Smith Hagopian - 06/12/2024

Schedule A: Cash Receipts and Expenditure Detail

1. CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER CASH RECEIPTS REPORTED ON THE C3:				
2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS (LINE 2 OF C4):				\$0.00
3. EXPENDITURES (CASH AND CREDIT TRANSACTION DETAIL):				
Date paid	Vendor or recipient (Name and address)	Purpose of expense and/or description	Credit/Debt	Cash
N/A	Expenses	Non-itemized expenditures		\$147.77
05/01/2024	Lutgen Senit , Spokane, WA	Bank and payment processing charges: consulting/strategy		\$250.00
05/12/2024	WA State PDC , Olympia, WA	Bank and payment processing charges: Bank and payment processing charges		\$2,173.91
05/12/2024	Secretary of State 416 Sid Snyder Ave , Olympia, WA 98504	Filing fees: Filing fees		\$2,173.91
05/19/2024	Presscats , spokane, wa	Bank and payment processing charges: Bank and payment processing charges		\$2,988.59
05/19/2024	Presscats , spokane, wa	Design/graphic art, etc.: signs		\$2,988.59
			\$0.00	\$10,722.77
4. TOTAL EXPENDITURES:				\$10,722.77

Schedule B: In-kind Contributions, Pledges, Orders, Debts and Obligations

1. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED:

Date Received	Contributor	Employer/Occupation	Description	Amount
05/31/2024	Lutgen Senit		Management and consulting services	Fair market value: \$250.00
	, Spokane, WA			Aggregate total (General): \$250.00

2. PLEDGES RECEIVED BUT NOT YET PAID:

No pledges reported this period

3. ORDERS PLACED, DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS:

No debt reported this period

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Itemized Expenditures

\$10,972.77

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

Bank and payment processing...

\$5,412.50

Design/graphic art, etc.

\$2,988.59

Filing fees

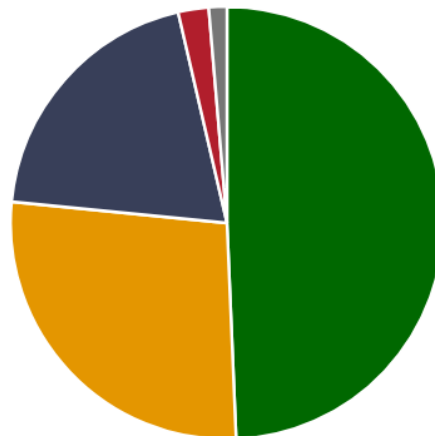
\$2,173.91

Inkind contribution

\$250.00

Not Provided

\$147.77



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Recipient	Date	Description	Recipient City	Recipient State	Amount	Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	05/01/2024				\$147.77	View Report
Lutgen Senit	05/31/2024	Management and consulting services	Spokane	WA	\$250.00	View Report
Lutgen Senit	05/01/2024	consulting/strategy	Spokane	WA	\$250.00	View Report
Presscats	05/19/2024	Bank and payment processing charges	spokane	wa	\$2,988.59	View Report
Presscats	05/19/2024	signs	spokane	wa	\$2,988.59	View Report
Secretary of State	05/12/2024	Filing fees	Olympia	WA	\$2,173.91	View Report
WA State PDC	05/12/2024	Bank and payment processing charges	Olympia	WA	\$2,173.91	View Report

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Full Reporting
Submitted date: 05/02/2024
Certified by smitty091@gmail.com
2024
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Candidacy

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Ferry/pend Oreille/stevens Co Superior Court *
Superior Court Judge
Position Superior Court Judge Position 1
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Attachments

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