

Respondent Names
Robert Allen
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal (Mon, 7 Oct 2024 at 3:12 PM) Description of Complaint Every single report filed by Robert Allen on 10/7/24 was filed late. https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110249629 - \$2700 deposit filed approx. 1 month late. https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110249621 - Another \$2700 deposit filed approx 1.5 months late. https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110249627 - C4 report covering August 2024 activity approx. 1 month late. https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110249628 - \$1800 deposit filed approximately 1 month late. https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110249625 - C4 report covering July 2024 activity appox. 1 month late. Additionally, every single itemized expenditure reported by the respondent is lacking expenditure detail or subvendor breakout. See attached. <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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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
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.

Robert E Allen (Robert Allen)



Candidate for PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONER for GRANT PUD 02 - ELE in the 2024 election.

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Candidate Overview

Registered May 23, 2024

 P.O. Box 524 Quincy, 98848
 pud2024boballen@gmail.com

Candidacy Status

- ↳ Candidate registered (5/23/2024)
- ↳ Candidate declared (5/10/2024)
- ↳ Qualified for general

Financial Overview

\$0.00	+	\$9,400.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$9,400.00
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised
\$8,835.62				\$0.00		\$0.00
Total spent				Pledges		Debt
\$0.00						\$0.00
Independent expenditures for						Independent expenditures against

Candidate Reports and Forms

[Registration Form](#)
[Financial Affairs Report](#)

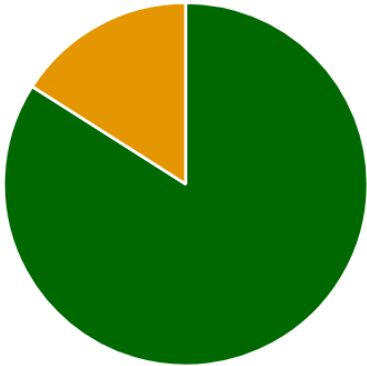
Made to candidate for 2024
Contributions

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

Contributions made to candidate for 2024

Political Action Committee
\$7,900.00

Union
\$1,500.00



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.

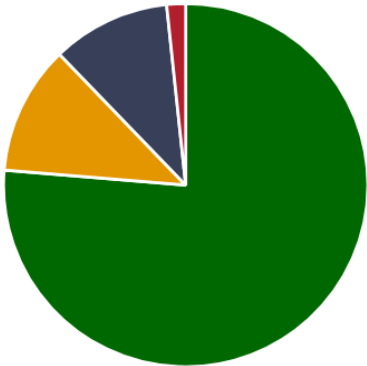
Expenditures made by candidate for 2024

Printing literature, fliers,...
\$6,744.02

Design/graphic art, etc.
\$1,014.25

Campaign merchandise/paraphernalia
\$929.18

Not Provided
\$148.17



Candidates Filed for this Position

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* declared candidates (eligible for election)

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
Robert E Allen (Robert Allen) *	\$9,400.00	\$8,835.62
Tom Flint *	\$1,000.00	\$0.00

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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
08/26/2024 - 08/26/2024	110249629	10/07/2024	View Report	C3	2024
08/15/2024 - 08/15/2024	110249621	10/07/2024	View Report	C3	2024
08/01/2024 - 10/14/2024	110249627	10/07/2024	View Report	C4	2024
07/26/2024 - 07/26/2024	110249628	10/07/2024	View Report	C3	2024
07/01/2024 - 07/31/2024	110249625	10/07/2024	View Report	C4	2024
06/25/2024 - 06/25/2024	110227617	07/08/2024	View Report	C3	2024

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
06/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	110227622	07/08/2024	View Report	C4	2024
05/23/2024 - 05/31/2024	110221504	06/10/2024	View Report	C4	2024

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Itemized Expenditures

\$8,835.62

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

Printing literature, fliers,...

\$6,744.02

Design/graphic art, etc.

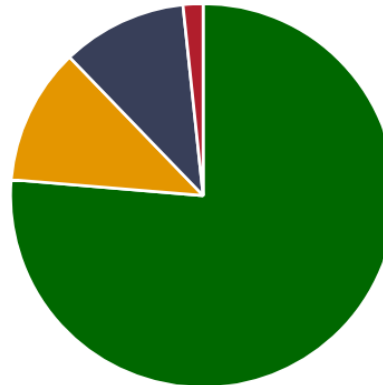
\$1,014.25

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\$929.18

Not Provided

\$148.17



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Recipient Name

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Recipient	Date	Description	Recipient City	Recipient State	Amount	Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	08/01/2024				\$148.17	View Report
Overnight Printing Seattle	08/28/2024	signs	Seattle	WA	\$929.18	View Report
Terra Firma Consulting LLC	10/04/2024	Mailers	Lake Stevens	WA	\$5,639.02	View Report
Terra Firma Consulting LLC	09/04/2024	Walk lit	Lake Stevens	WA	\$1,105.00	View Report
Terra Firma Consulting LLC	07/01/2024	Website and design	Lake Stevens	WA	\$1,014.25	View Report

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