

Respondent Name

Brian Wolk - 2023

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

[Conner Edwards](#) reported via the portal
(Thu, 19 Sep 2024 at 2:44 PM)

Description of Complaint

This candidate has previously received a warning letter for failure to timely file C3/C4 reports, see link: <https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6310/144716%20Brian%20Wolk%20Case%20Resolution%20Letter.pdf>

Brian Wolk failed to timely file this C3 (for a \$210 anonymous contribution) deposit, see link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110246101>

The report was filed approximately 282 days late.

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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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

Brian Wolk (Brian'na Wolk)

Candidate for SCHOOL DIRECTOR for TACOMA SD 010 in the 2023 election.

Overview

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Candidate Overview

Registered May 18, 2023

📍 1041 S PROSPECT ST TACOMA, 98405

✉ electbrianwolk@gmail.com

Candidacy Status

↳ Candidate registered (5/18/2023)

↳ Candidate declared (5/19/2023)

↳ Qualified for general

↳ Lost in general

Financial Overview

\$0.00	+	\$210.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$210.00
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised

\$18.00		\$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](#)

[Surplus Funds Account](#)

[Contributors and Vendors Map](#)

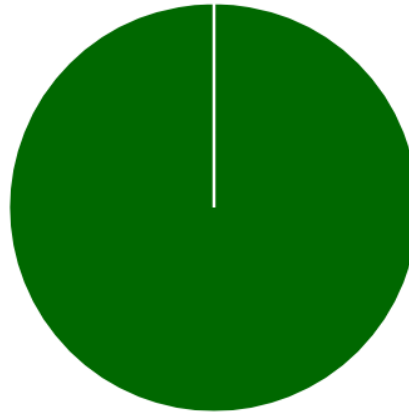
Made to candidate for 2023

Contributions

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

Contributions made to candidate for 2023

Other
\$210.00



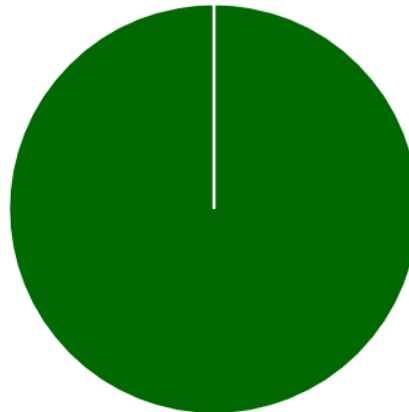
Made by candidate for 2023

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 2023

Not Provided
\$18.00



Candidates Filed for this Position

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* declared candidates (eligible for election)

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
<u>Elizabeth M. Bonbright</u> *	\$8,327.00	\$8,327.00
<u>Brian Wolk (Brian'na Wolk)</u> *	\$210.00	\$18.00

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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.

Show entries

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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
05/18/2023 - 05/31/2023	110155708	07/02/2023	View Report	C4	2023
06/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	110155711	07/02/2023	View Report	C4	2023

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
07/01/2023 - 07/31/2023	110155710	07/02/2023	View Report	C4	2023
08/01/2023 - 11/30/2023	110187666	11/07/2023	View Report	C4	2023
11/07/2023 - 11/07/2023	110246101	09/18/2024	View Report	C3	2023
12/01/2023 - 01/31/2024	110246100	09/18/2024	View Report	C4	2023

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