

<b>Respondent Name</b>
Kelly Krieger
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Conner Edwards
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p><a href="#">Conner Edwards</a> reported via the portal (Thu, 11 Dec 2024 at 7:35 PM)</p> <p><b>Description of Complaint</b></p> <p>See attached complaint.</p> <p><b>Notice to Respondent</b></p> <p>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 – and any future cases against you – will simply be dismissed by staff.</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> <p>What are these shortcomings?</p> <p>Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with. Failure to properly educate the regulated community 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Slowly (too slowly) this strategy is starting to yield concrete and beneficial changes. You can read about these changes here: <a href="https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/">https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/</a></p> <p>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.</p> <p>“I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.” — <b>Angela Davis</b></p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
See complaint. The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing disclosure requirements. The agency’s failure to actively monitor compliance with these requirements and enforce them damages both the public and members of the regulated community.
<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
See complaint and also PDC website.
<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>
See complaint and also PDC website.
<b>Certification (Complainant)</b>

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.



# Kelly Krieger

Candidate for COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONER for WHATCOM CO in the 2024 election.

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- Contributions
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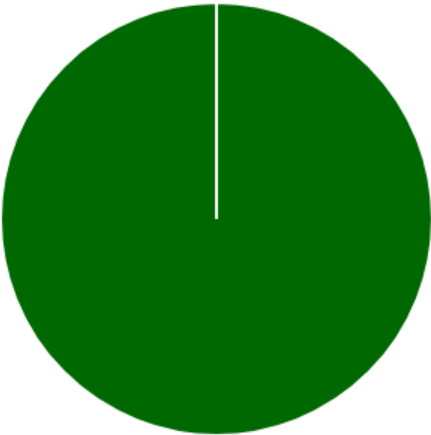
## Itemized Expenditures

\$767.38

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

Inkind contribution  
\$767.38



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Recipient Name

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Recipient	Date	Description	Recipient City	Recipient State	Amount	Report
Kelly Krieger	10/01/2024	Flyers for door distribution. Copy Source, 1122 N. State St. Bellingham, wa 98229			\$209.00	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Report</a>
Whatcom Democrats	10/27/2024	Printing cost for Dems slate card, prorated for my candidacy.	Bellingham	WA	\$558.38	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Report</a>

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Overview	Contributions	Expenditures	Pledges	Debts	Loans	Independent Expenditures
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## Candidate Overview

Registered May 22, 2024

2046 Academy Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226

kjkrieger27@gmail.com

## Candidacy Status

- ↳ Candidate registered (5/22/2024)
- ↳ Candidate declared (5/8/2024)
- ↳ Qualified for general
- ↳ Lost in general

## Financial Overview

\$0.00	+	\$767.38	+	\$0.00	=	\$767.38
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised
\$767.38				\$0.00		\$0.00
Total spent				Pledges		Debt
\$34.44						\$0.00
Independent expenditures for						Independent expenditures against

## Candidate Reports and Forms

Registration Form

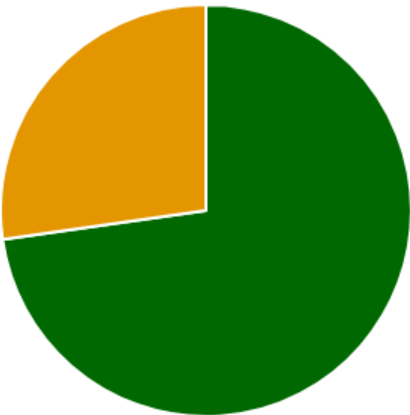
- [Financial Affairs Report](#)
- [Surplus Funds Account](#)
- [Contributors and Vendors Map](#)

Made to candidate for 2024  
**Contributions**

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

Contributions made to candidate for 2024

- Party  
\$558.38
- Self  
\$209.00

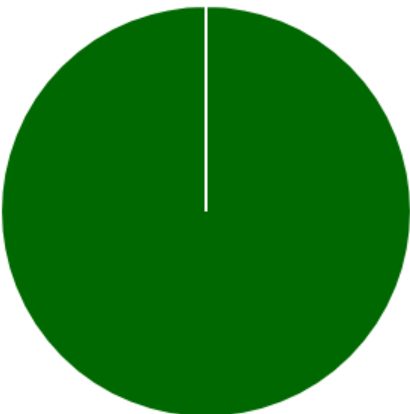


Made by candidate for 2024  
**Expenditures**

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

- Inkind contribution  
\$767.38



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Candidate	↕ Contributions ▼	Expenditures ↕
<u>Kelly Krieger</u> *	\$767.38	\$767.38
<u>Douglas W. Chadwick (Doug Chadwick)</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Roland Middleton</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>David Ramirez</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Jennifer Wright</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>John (Westy) Westerfield</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Holly O'Neil</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>MURRAY KENT S (Kent Murray)</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Leaf Schumann</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Jerry Burns</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00

Spending for and against this candidate

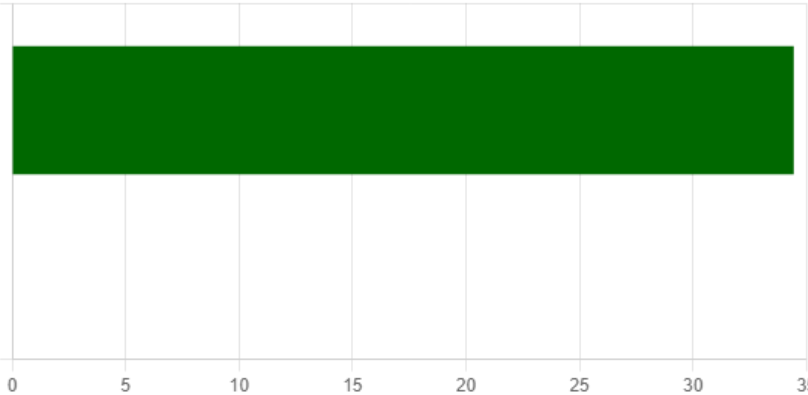
Independent Expenditures

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

Expenditures for and against this candidate

For candidate	Against candidate
\$34.44	\$0.00





**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
05/22/2024 - 10/28/2024	110255815	10/28/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C4	2024

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**Complaint Against: Kelly Krieger**

**Submitted: 12/11/24**

**Notice to Respondent Due By: 12/21/24 per WAC 390-37-050(1)**

**90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 3/11/25 per RCW 42.17A.755(3)**

**Statutes Violated: RCW 42.17A.235, .240**

## **Background**

### **Washington State's Campaign Finance Disclosure Law**

One of the primary purposes of the public disclosure law is to provide citizens of this state, and especially voters, with the means for becoming informed about the financing of political campaigns.<sup>1</sup> The public disclosure law was enacted through voter approval of Initiative 276 in 1972.

State law requires candidates and committees that register under full reporting to submit regular reports of financial activity. Those reports are filed on schedules outlined on the PDC's key reporting dates calendar.<sup>2</sup>

### **Violations**

This candidate failed to timely file the post-general C4 report, which was due on 12/10/24.

See link, and attached: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/news-events/events/2023-12/post-election-c-4-due>

The respondent also failed to quantity of printed materials donated to her campaign which I'm sure the agency staff believe is a violation. See attached.

## **Conclusion**

I urge the PDC staff to take quick action and resolve the noncompliance identified in this complaint.

Best,

/s/

Conner Edwards  
(425) 533-1677 cell

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<sup>1</sup> <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics>

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