

This is in response to the complaint lodged against the Children's Campaign Fund with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission by Mr. Conner Edwards on October 16, 2024. The Committee became aware of this complaint via an e-mail from the Public Disclosure Commission, providing the PDC Case Number 161361.

The complaint in question notes that the Committee did not file either a 7-day or 21 day pre-primary report, instead following the regular monthly reporting schedule at the time of the primary. Both of these statements are in fact accurate, but it was not the intention of the Committee to hide its contributions and expenditures from the public. This point is also highlighted in Mr. Edwards' complaint, "I don't believe that any of these filers intentionally failed to file the required reports by the appropriate deadline." This is also accurate, as the committee did not attempt to deceive the Commission or the public in any way. To illustrate this, the committee has made sure to file all C-6 and LMC reports as required by law. Had it known of the requirement for an updated reporting schedule, the committee would have filed those reports in a timely manner.

At the time that these reports were due, the committee recently began working with a new treasurer, who was at the time unfamiliar with the pre-primary and pre-general opt-in requirement in the ORCA system. As a result of this complaint, the committee will ensure that any elections it participates in will immediately be marked in the ORCA system and any reports associated with those dates be filed as required.

The Committee intends to file all reports on time moving forward as a part of its commitment to transparency and in order to better inform the public at large. If there are any additional questions on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to let us know so that we can provide you with any necessary information.

Thank you,

Blair Schuman, Treasurer

Children's Campaign Fund