

<b>Respondent Name</b>
Thurston County Democrats
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Conner Edwards
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Tue, 20 Aug 2024 at 9:20 AM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>This committee has recently filed a whole host of late reports that should have been filed earlier. This committee has previously received a warning letter for late reporting, see link: <a href="https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6094/141204%20Thurston%20Co%20Democrats%20Warning_Reminder%20Letter.pdf">https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6094/141204%20Thurston%20Co%20Democrats%20Warning_Reminder%20Letter.pdf</a></p> <p>This C4 (denoting ~\$50k in deposits and ~\$30k in expenditures) was filed a week after the deadline and is missing a significant number of vendor addresses and other required details. Many of the expenditures don't even have a disclosed description. See link: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110239393">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110239393</a></p> <p>The committee has also recently filed several large and late C3 reports, see links:</p> <p>For ~\$5000 deposit: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110239382">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110239382</a></p> <p>For ~\$32,000 deposit: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110239380">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110239380</a></p> <p>For ~\$10,000 deposit: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110239372">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110239372</a></p> <p>Notice to Respondent</p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint.</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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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 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.</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>“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” — Mahatma Gandhi</p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>

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.

# Thurston County Democrats (WA) (TCD) - 2024

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## Committee Information

### Registration

January 01, 2007

### Treasurer

Kait Toompas  
PO Box 164  
Olympia, WA, 98507  
3609154460

### Political Committee Type

Democratic County Party

### Jurisdiction

None reported.

### Committee Address

PO Box 164  
Olympia, WA 98507

### Phone

360 890 1951

### Email

info@thurstondemocrats.org

## Financial Information

### Campaign Starting Balance

\$235,625.60

**Contributions Amount**

\$51,942.94

**Loans Amount**

\$0.00

**Total Receipts**

\$287,568.54

**Expenditures**

\$37,798.30

**Pledges**

\$0.00

**Debts**

\$0.00

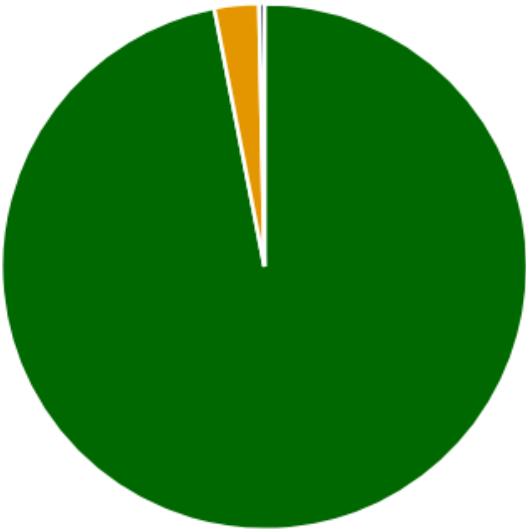
**Made to committee for 2024**

**Contributions**

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

**Contributions made to committee for 2024**

- Business**  
\$50,353.60
- Other**  
\$1,419.34
- Individual**  
\$170.00



Made by committee for 2024

Expenditures

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

Expenditures made by committee for 2024

Fundraising events and related...

\$18,799.15

Not Provided

\$8,768.14

Utilities, phone, and other...

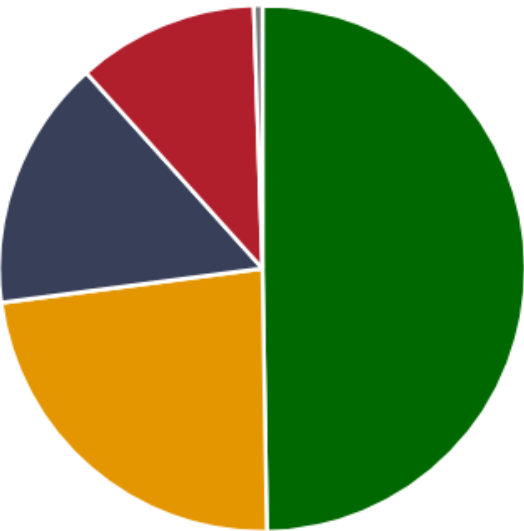
\$5,820.48

Charity

\$4,210.53

Accounting, legal, regulatory...

\$200.00



Made to committee

Loans

See loans received, forgiven or paid by the campaign.

\$0.00

Held by committee

# Debts

See the campaign's debt reporting history.

\$0.00

# Campaign Finance Reports

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

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