

Respondent Name
Snohomish County Democratic Party
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Tue, 1 Oct 2024 at 3:50 PM)
Description of Complaint
<p>This committee has previously received two warning letters. One in 2023 for late C3/C4 reporting, see link: https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6131/141707%20Snohomish%20County%20Democrats%20%20Warning%20-%20Respondent.pdf</p> <p>Another warning letter was issued in late 2018 also for late C3/C4 reporting, see link: https://pdc-case-tracking.s3-us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/1497/40870%20Snohomish%20County%20Democratic%20Central%20Committee%20Resolved%20with%20Warning.pdf</p> <p>###</p> <p>This committee was “participating” in the 2024 primary/general election because it made a donation to the WSDCC in June of 2024, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110228523</p> <p>This C3 (for a ~\$2300 deposit) was filed approximately 19 days late (it also looks to me like the reported revenue source for this C3 may have been inaccurate – they may have intended to disclose it as a low-cost fundraiser), see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110247723</p> <p>Also, this C3 (for a ~\$1500 deposit) was filed approximately 5 days late, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110247724</p> <p>The post-primary C4 was also filed approximately 4 days late, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110245199 .</p> <p>The 21 day C4 was also filed 6 days late, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110232217</p> <p>Also, the postgeneral C4 for 2023 was filed 8 days late, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110194350</p> <p>Also, the 7-day pre-general C4 for 2023 was filed 2 days late, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110186396</p>
Notice to Respondent
<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 will simply be dismissed by staff with a so-called "warning letter".</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>

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.

Snohomish County Democratic Party - 2024

Committee Information

Registration

October 11, 2007

Treasurer

Eric Valpey
PO Box 5657
Everett, WA, 98206-5657
206-854-7563

Political Committee Type

Democratic County Party

Jurisdiction

None reported.

Committee Address

PO Box 5657
Everett, WA 98206-5657

Phone

425-252-2305

Email

Chair@snocodems.org

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$2,388.83

Contributions Amount

\$19,831.72

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$22,220.55

Expenditures

\$9,834.37

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.

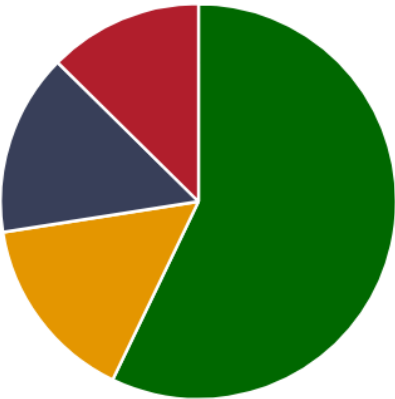
Contributions made to committee for 2024

Individual
\$11,332.84

Party
\$3,050.00

Other
\$2,948.88

Political Action Committee
\$2,500.00



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

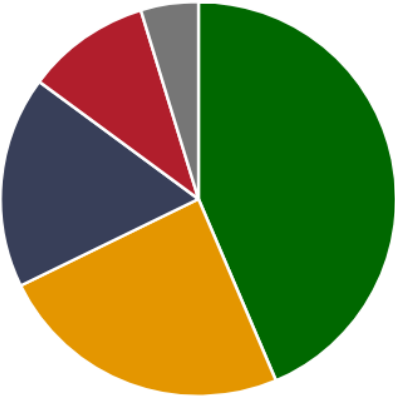
Utilities, phone, and other...
\$4,287.19

Rent, lease, mortgage, PO...
\$2,377.21

Not Provided
\$1,707.33

Monetary contributions to PAC...
\$1,000.00

Fundraising events and related...
\$462.64



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.

Show entries

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