

Respondent Names
Washington Association of Vehicle Subagents (WAVS)
Complainant Name
Connor Edwards
Complaint Description
<p><u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal (Fri, 13 Dec 2024 at 10:43 AM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>See attached complaint.</p> <p><u>Notice to Respondent</u></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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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: https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/</p>

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What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

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.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

See complaint and also PDC website.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

See complaint and also 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.

Complaint Against: Washington Association of Vehicle Subagents (WAVS)

Submitted: 12/12/24

Notice to Respondent Due By: 12/22/24 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 3/12/25 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.¹ 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.²

Violations

This campaign failed to file the post-general C4 report. 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

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

² <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics/key-dates-2024>

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Washington Association of Vehicle Subagents (WAVS) 2024

- Overview
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- Loans

Committee Overview

Registered January 7, 2007
Continuing Committee (Business)
Treasurer is Diane Skocilich

Committee Contact

10208 N Division St. Ste. 101
Spokane, WA 99218
treasurer@wavs-wa.org
509-220-4004

Financial Overview

\$182,098.75	+	\$22,190.90	+	\$0.00	=	\$204,289.65
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised
\$59,387.94				\$0.00		\$0.00
Total spent				Pledges		Debt

Committee Reports and Forms

- Registration Form
- Contributors and Vendors Map

Made to committee for 2024

Contributions

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

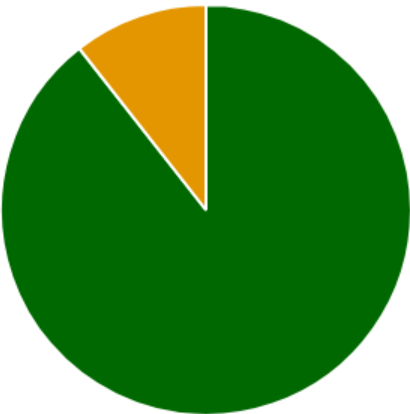
Contributions made to committee for 2024

Business

\$19,840.90

Individual

\$2,350.00



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 candidate for 2024

Management and consulting services

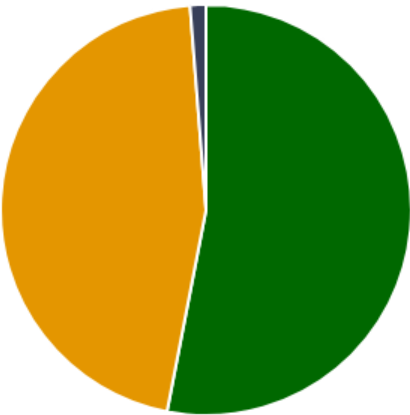
\$31,500.00

Monetary contributions to PAC...

\$27,150.00

Travel, accommodations, meals

\$737.94



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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