



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Subject: PDC Case 164506 regarding Building a Stronger Washington Sponsored by Western States Regional Council of Carpenters

Building a Stronger Washington Sponsored by Western States Regional Council of Carpenters:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on November 6, 2024. The complaint alleged violations of: RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to timely and accurately file expenditure reports.

Applicable Laws & Rules

- RCW 42.17A.235 describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.
- RCW 42.17A.240 describes the required contents of campaign finance reports filed with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Background & Findings

- Building a Stronger Washington Sponsored by Western States Regional Council of Carpenters is a political action committee participating in the 2024 election under the Full Reporting option.
- The complaint alleges the Respondent failed to file two C-3 reports timely totaling \$35,624.
- The Respondent filed a 21-day C-4 (expenditure) Report disclosing \$34,999 and \$625 of contributions but did not file corresponding C-3 (contribution) Reports indicating who contributed the funds.
- Once filed, the contribution reports disclosed \$625 of unitemized contributions and \$34,999 from Western State Regional Council of Carpenters, the sponsor of the committee.

- In response to the complaint the committee expressed that it was their first time filing in the State of Washington and they were unfamiliar with the filing requirements. They mistakenly believed that the deposits were adequately disclosed on the C4 since that report also disclosed all contributions received and expenditures made. The committee is now aware of the filing requirements and will file accordingly.
- The Respondent does not have any previous violations of PDC requirements.

Summary and Resolution

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. After consideration of the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purposes of this chapter. Under WAC 390-37-060, the executive director, at any time prior to consideration by the commission, may dismiss a complaint which on its face, or as shown by investigation, provides reason to believe that a violation has occurred, but also shows that the respondent is in substantial compliance with the relevant statutes or rules, or shows that formal enforcement action is not warranted. Failure to timely C-3 (contribution) Reports in this instance does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, you are receiving a formal written warning concerning failure to timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditures. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that you timely files all future required reports of contributions and expenditures. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Having reviewed the complaint and the supporting evidence, PDC staff has determined that the committee appears to have violated RCW 42.17A. Based on the guidance provided to PDC staff by the Commission at its January 23, 2025, meeting, this matter is being resolved with a warning in accordance with [RCW 42.17A.755\(1\)](#) and [WAC 390-37-060\(1\)\(d\)](#) due to current caseloads.

Any allegations regarding reporting by you for the 2024 campaign that are not otherwise addressed are also hereby dismissed.

You are required to comply with all PDC requirements in the future. Failure to do so could lead to further enforcement action.

If you have questions, you may contact Colin Peeples at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at cdc@cdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Colin Peeples

Colin Peeples
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Endorsed by,

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee

Peter Frey Lavallee
Executive Director

cc: Conner Edwards