

Respondent Name
Life Science Washington PAC
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Mon, 4 Nov 2024 at 11:37 AM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>See attached complaint.</p> <p>Notice to Respondent</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 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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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 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> <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>"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." — Lao Tzu</p>
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.



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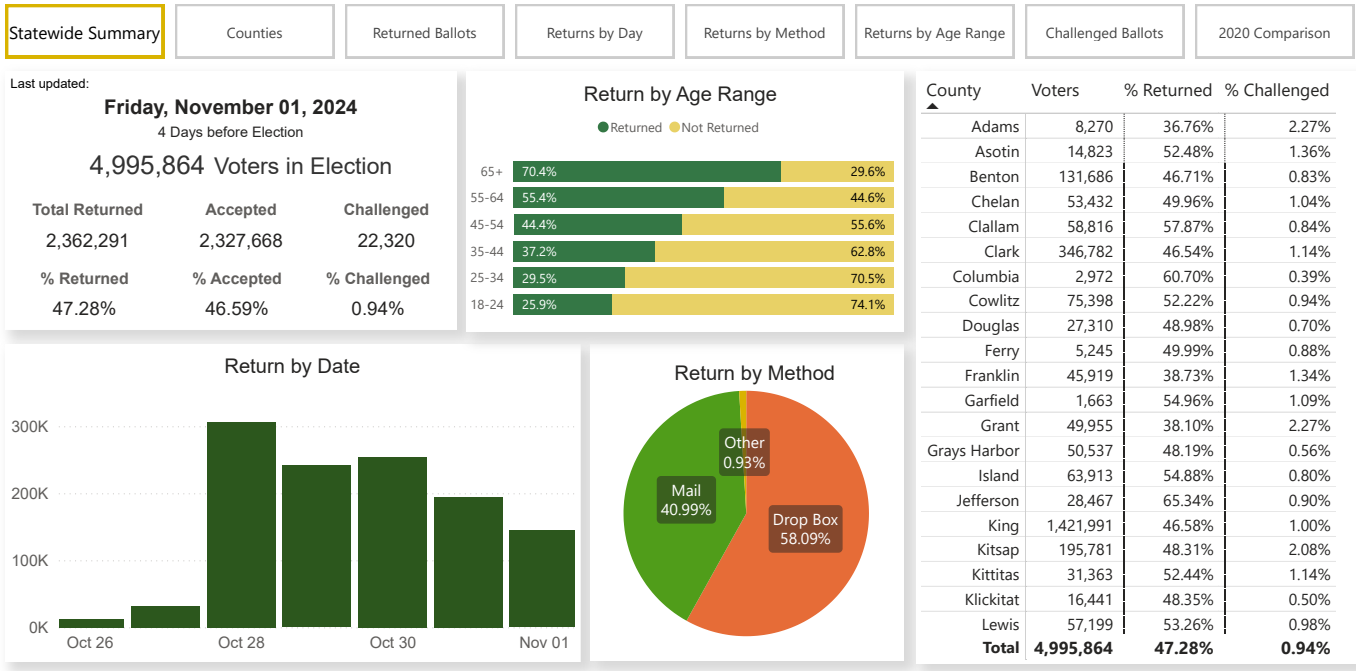
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Committee Overview

Registered January 11, 2007
Continuing Committee (Business)
Treasurer is MARC CUMMINGS

Committee Contact

188 E. Blaine St., Ste. 150
SEATTLE, WA 98102
marc@lifesciencewa.org
206-456-9567

Financial Overview

\$23,466.39	+	\$17,147.00	+	\$0.00	=	\$40,613.39
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised
\$36,600.00				\$0.00		\$0.00
Total spent				Pledges		Debt

Committee Reports and Forms

- Registration Form
- Contributors and Vendors Map

Made to committee for 2024

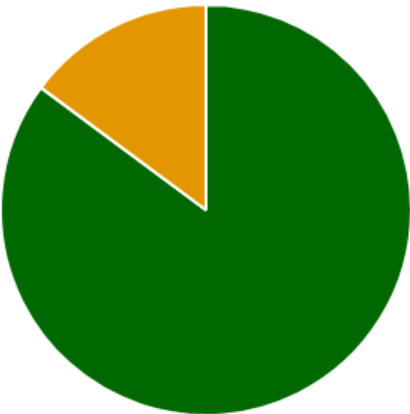
Contributions

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

Contributions made to committee for 2024

Business
\$14,601.00

Other
\$2,546.00



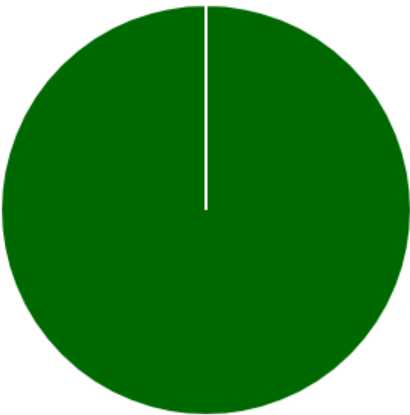
Made by committee for 2024

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

Monetary contributions to PAC...
\$36,600.00



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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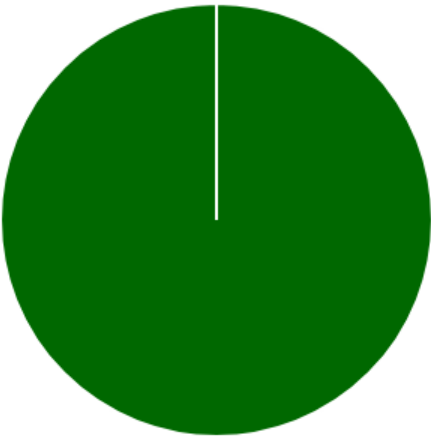
Itemized Expenditures

\$36,600.00

Shown below are the campaign’s expenditures. Small expenses may be grouped together and reported as one sum. Donated goods and services (known as in-kind contributions) also appear here as expenditures, with the contributor listed in the recipient column.

Expenditures by Expense Type

Monetary contributions to PAC...
\$36,600.00



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Braun for State Senate John	06/24/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Chehalis	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
Senate Republican Campaign Committee	06/24/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Olympia	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
of Chris Gildon Friends	07/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Puyallup	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
of Larry Springer Friends	07/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Kirkland	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Vandana Slatter Friends	07/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Bellevue	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Cindy Ryu Friends	07/17/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
of Derek Stanford Friends	07/19/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Bothell	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of My-Linh Thai Friends	07/22/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Bellevue	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Drew Stokesbary Friends	07/24/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Auburn	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
House Republican Organizational Committee	07/24/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Olympia	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
House Democratic Campaign Committee	07/26/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
of Chipalo Street Friends	07/26/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$600.00	View Report

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of Joe Fitzgibbon Friends	07/26/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Burien	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
Paul Harris Elect	07/30/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$600.00	View Report
Monica Stonier Elect	07/30/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$600.00	View Report
Cleveland for State Senate Annette	07/30/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
for Mia People	07/31/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seahurst	WA	\$600.00	View Report
for Steve Bergquist Citizens	08/02/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Renton	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Chris Corry Friends	08/06/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Yakima	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Lisa Callan Friends	08/06/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Issaquah	WA	\$600.00	View Report
for Tarra Simmons People	08/07/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Tracyton	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Marcus Riccelli Friends	08/07/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Spokane	WA	\$600.00	View Report
Washington Senate Democratic Campaign	08/08/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
Stand with Dave Reichert We	08/08/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Tacoma	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
for Senate Dozier	08/08/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Walla Walla	WA	\$600.00	View Report
for WA Stephanie	08/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Pasco	WA	\$600.00	View Report
to Elect Mike Volz, R Committee	08/13/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Spokane	WA	\$600.00	View Report
to R-Elect Ed Orcutt Committee	08/19/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Kalama	WA	\$600.00	View Report
for Joe Schmick People	08/20/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Colfax	WA	\$600.00	View Report

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of April Berg Friends	08/21/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Mill Creek	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Lisa Wellman Friends	08/22/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Mercer Island	WA	\$600.00	View Report
to Elect Mike Steele Citizens	08/22/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Chelan	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Dave Paul Friends	08/23/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Oak Harbor	WA	\$600.00	View Report
for Timm Ormsby People	08/26/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Spokane	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Julio Cortes Friends	08/27/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Everett	WA	\$600.00	View Report
to Elect Travis Couture Committee	08/28/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Allyn	WA	\$600.00	View Report
Walen for State House Amy	08/29/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Redmond	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Nicole Macri Friends	08/30/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$600.00	View Report
Adam Bernbaum Elect	09/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Port Angeles	WA	\$600.00	View Report
for House Waters	09/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Stevenson	WA	\$600.00	View Report
of Adison Richards Friends	09/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Gig Harbor	WA	\$600.00	View Report
to Elect Peter Abbarno Committee	09/06/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Centralia	WA	\$600.00	View Report
Paul Harris Elect	09/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$600.00	View Report
Hill Natasha	09/09/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Spokane	WA	\$300.00	View Report
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of Tana Senn Friends	09/11/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Mercer Island	WA	\$600.00	View Report

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of Julia Reed Friends	10/18/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$300.00	View Report

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Complaint Against: Life Science Washington PAC

Submitted: 11/1/24

Notice to Respondent Due By: 11/14/24 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 2/2/25 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

Violation

Because of this respondent's early donations to candidates participating in both the primary and general elections, it was obligated to file C4 reports at the 21 and 7-day pre-election mark. This committee failed to do so and instead filed a C4 report covering October on November 4, 2024, after 47.28% of ballots have already been cast.

See link to late C4: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110258457>

Conclusion

With the 2024 general election rapidly approaching, 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

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

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