

<b>Respondent Name</b>
John Linboe
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Conner Edwards
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p><a href="#">Conner Edwards</a> reported via the portal (Wed, 11 Dec 2024 at 7:50 PM)</p> <p><b>Description of Complaint</b></p> <p>See attached complaint.</p> <p><b>Notice to Respondent</b></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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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: <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>“I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.” — <b>Angela Davis</b></p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
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.
<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
See complaint and also PDC website.
<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>
See complaint and also PDC website.
<b>Certification (Complainant)</b>

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.



# John M LINBOE (John M. Linboe)

Candidate for COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER for PIERCE CO in the 2024 election.

Overview	Contributions	Expenditures	Pledges	Debts	Loans	Independent Expenditures
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**Candidate Overview**

Registered April 1, 2024

Party: DEMOCRATIC

PO Box 892

Roy, WA 98580

electjohnlinboe@gmail.com

**Candidacy Status**

↳ Candidate registered (4/1/2024)

↳ Candidate declared (5/6/2024)

↳ Qualified for general

↳ Lost in general

**Financial Overview**

\$0.00

Starting balance

+

\$14,140.17

Contributions

+

\$2,677.46

Loans

=

\$16,817.63

Total raised

\$11,428.40

Total spent

\$0.00

Pledges

\$0.00

Debt

\$179.32

Independent expenditures for

\$0.00

Independent expenditures against

Candidate Reports and Forms

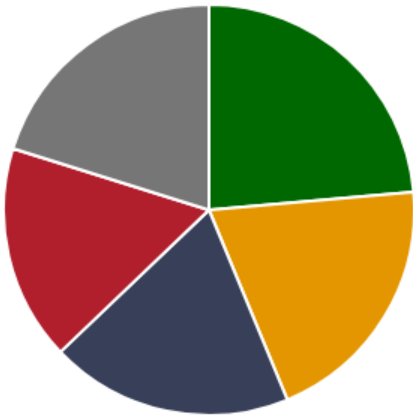
- [Registration Form](#)
- [Financial Affairs Report](#)
- [Surplus Funds Account](#)
- [Contributors and Vendors Map](#)

Made to candidate for 2024  
Contributions

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

Contributions made to candidate for 2024

Self	\$3,338.73
Party	\$2,850.00
Union	\$2,700.00
Political Action Committee	\$2,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,851.44



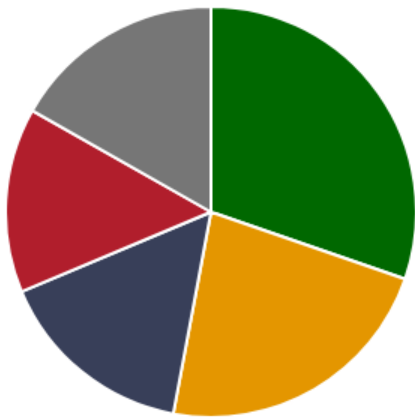
Made by candidate for 2024  
Expenditures

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

Expenditures made by candidate for 2024

Other	\$3,461.47
Inkind contribution	\$2,588.73
Printing campaign signs	\$1,797.69
Printing literature, fliers,...	\$1,660.88

Miscellaneous  
\$1,919.63



Candidates Filed for this Position

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\* declared candidates (eligible for election)

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
<u>CRUVER AMY A (Amy Cruver)</u> *	\$56,720.84	\$38,119.58
<u>Marcus Young</u> *	\$15,737.05	\$19,391.42
<u>John M LINBOE (John M. Linboe)</u> *	\$14,140.17	\$11,428.40

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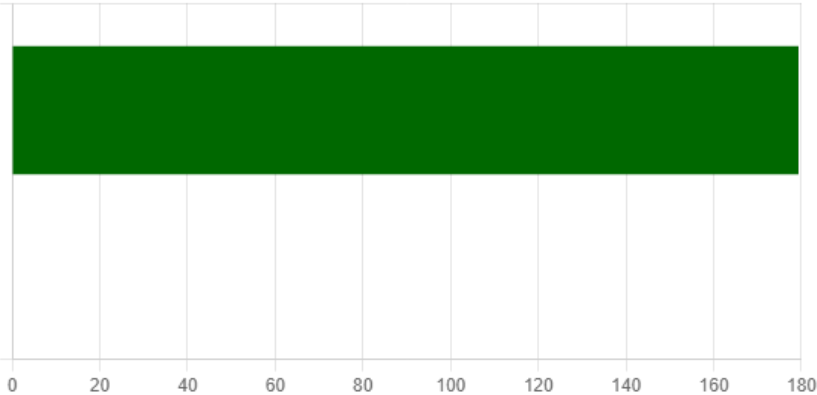
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Spending for and against this candidate  
Independent Expenditures

Independent expenditures are made by third parties that are not part of a candidate’s campaign.

Expenditures for and against this candidate

For candidate	Against candidate
\$179.32	\$0.00



Incurred by candidate

Debts

This information shows the debt for the campaign as of the submission date of the related report.

Outstanding debt for campaign is \$0.00

Campaign Finance Reports

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

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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
11/12/2024 - 11/12/2024	110260144	11/12/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
11/04/2024 - 11/04/2024	110258771	11/04/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
10/21/2024 - 10/21/2024	110254474	10/21/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
10/15/2024 - 10/28/2024	110257096	10/29/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C4	2024
10/14/2024 - 10/14/2024	110252172	10/14/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
10/07/2024 - 10/07/2024	110250000	10/07/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
09/30/2024 - 09/30/2024	110248417	09/30/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
09/23/2024 - 09/23/2024	110247067	09/23/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
09/09/2024 - 09/09/2024	110243605	09/09/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
09/01/2024 - 10/14/2024	110253121	10/15/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C4	2024

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08/19/2024 - 08/19/2024	110239056	08/19/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
08/11/2024 - 08/11/2024	110237998	08/12/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
07/30/2024 - 08/31/2024	110244571	09/10/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C4	2024
07/21/2024 - 07/21/2024	110231746	07/22/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
07/16/2024 - 07/29/2024	110234068	07/30/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C4	2024
07/15/2024 - 07/15/2024	110229602	07/15/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
07/07/2024 - 07/07/2024	110227655	07/08/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
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05/31/2024 - 05/31/2024	110217502	05/31/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
05/01/2024 - 05/31/2024	110220381	06/10/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C4	2024
04/30/2024 - 04/30/2024	110214868	05/10/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2024
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04/01/2024 - 04/30/2024	110214871	05/10/2024	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C4	2024
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**Complaint Against: John Linboe**

**Submitted: 12/11/24**

**Notice to Respondent Due By: 12/21/24 per WAC 390-37-050(1)**

**90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 3/11/25 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

### **Violations**

This candidate failed to timely file the post-general C4 report, which was due on 12/10/24.

See link, and attached: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/news-events/events/2023-12/post-election-c-4-due>

## **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

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

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