

| Respondent Names  |
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| Citizens for Better Schools Oak Harbor  |
| Complainant Name  |
| Conner Edwards  |
| Complaint Description   |
| <p><u><a href="#">Conner Edwards</a></u><br/> reported via the portal<br/> 7 hours ago (Wed, 5 Feb 2025 at 9:34 AM)</p> <p>See attached complaint.</p> <p><b><u>Notice to Respondent</u></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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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> |

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.

“I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.”

— **Angela Davis**

**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: Citizens for Better Schools Oak Harbor**

**Submitted:** 2/5/25

**Notice to Respondent Due By:** 2/15/25 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

**90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline:** 5/6/25 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 committee failed to timely file an accurate 7-day C4 report, which was due on 2/4/25. See attached.

Additionally, the committee has still failed to include the level of detail that PDC staff believe is required by law. 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

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

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**“You can’t make an omelet without breaking a few eggs.”**  
**— François de Charette**



# Citizens for Better Schools Oak Harbor

2025

|          |               |              |         |       |       |
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## Committee Overview

Registered November 18, 2024  
Education  
Treasurer is John Chaszar

## Committee Contact

2700 SW Scenic Heights St  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
 [chaszarj@gmail.com](mailto:chaszarj@gmail.com)  
 2283231427

## Financial Overview

|                   |   |                   |   |               |   |                    |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|---------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>\$7,034.72</b> | + | <b>\$7,005.25</b> | + | <b>\$0.00</b> | = | <b>\$14,039.97</b> |
| Starting balance  |   | Contributions     |   | Loans         |   | Total raised       |

**\$8,618.65**

Total spent

**\$0.00**

Pledges

**\$0.00**

Debt

**Committee Reports and Forms**

[Registration Form](#)

[Contributors and Vendors Map](#)

**Ballot Measures Supported or Opposed for 2025**

Supported

**School**

OAK HARBOR SD NO 201

Levy

**Made to committee for 2025**

**Contributions**

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

Contributions made to committee for 2025

Union

\$2,500.00

Other

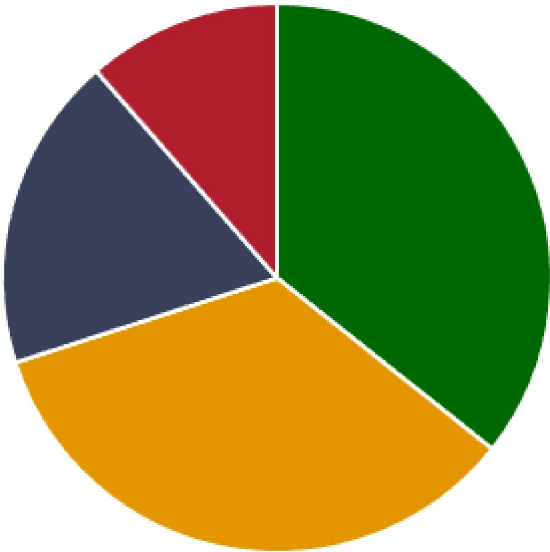
\$2,405.25

Individual

\$1,300.00

Business

\$800.00



Made by committee for 2025

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 2025

Printing campaign signs

\$4,539.64

Campaign merchandise/paraphernalia

\$3,305.84

Digital advertising

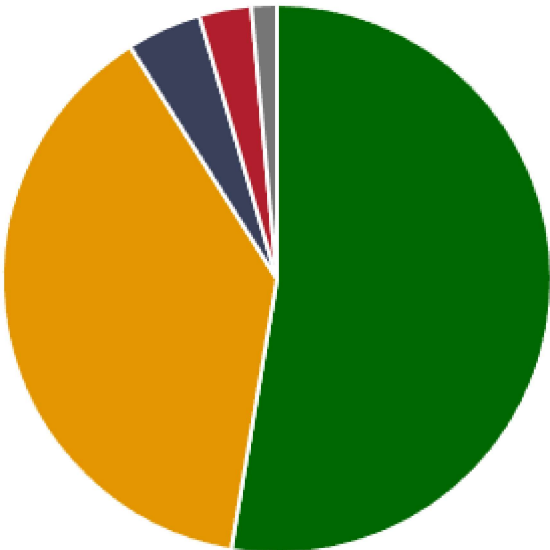
\$379.32

Other advertising

\$265.00

Not Provided

\$128.85



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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| Period                  | Report Number | Filed      | Report                      | Form Type | Election Year |
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| 01/14/2025 - 01/14/2025 | 110269338     | 01/25/2025 | <a href="#">View Report</a> | C3        | 2025          |
| 12/28/2024 - 12/28/2024 | 110265490     | 12/28/2024 | <a href="#">View Report</a> | C3        | 2025          |



| Period                      | Report Number | Filed      | Report                      | Form Type                | Election Year                          |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 12/01/2024 - 01/20/2025     | 110268915     | 01/18/2025 | <a href="#">View Report</a> | C4                       | 2025                                   |
| 11/18/2024 - 11/30/2024     | 110265491     | 12/28/2024 | <a href="#">View Report</a> | C4                       | 2025                                   |
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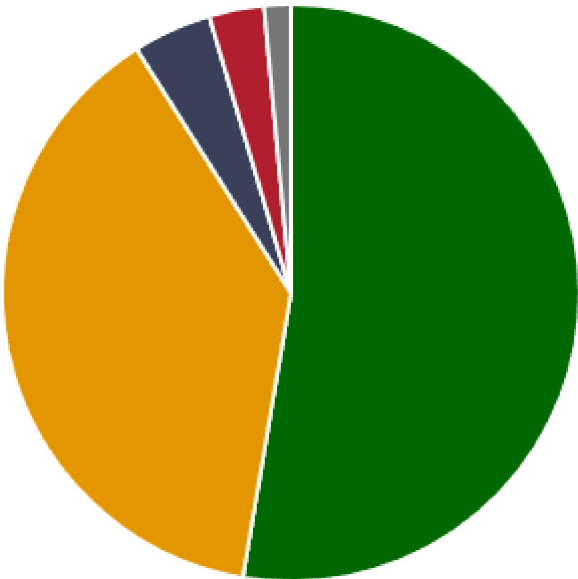
Itemized Expenditures

\$8,618.65

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

- Printing campaign signs  
\$4,539.64
- Campaign merchandise/paraphernalia  
\$3,305.84
- Digital advertising  
\$379.32
- Other advertising  
\$265.00
- Not Provided  
\$128.85



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| Recipient | Date       | Description | Recipient City | Recipient State | Amount   | Report                 |
|-----------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|
| Cybula    | 11/27/2024 | WIX         | Oak Harbor     | WA              | \$379.32 | <a href="#">View</a>   |
| Michele   |            |             |                |                 |          | <a href="#">Report</a> |

| Recipient                          | Date       | Description                                      | Recipient City        | Recipient State | Amount     | Report   |
|------------------------------------|------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| EXPENSES<br>OF \$200.00<br>OR LESS | 12/01/2024 |  |                       |                 | \$89.30    | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| EXPENSES<br>OF \$200.00<br>OR LESS | 11/18/2024 |  |                       |                 | \$39.55    | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Humphrey<br>Sign                   | 11/23/2024 | Yard Signs                                       | 751 NE<br>Midway Blvd | WA              | \$2,452.50 | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Schwab Jack                        | 01/16/2025 | Mailchimp,<br>Large Signs,<br>Whid News<br>Times | Oak Harbor            | WA              | \$1,040.29 | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Schwab Jack                        | 01/13/2025 | Large Signs,<br>Door Hangers                     | Oak Harbor            | WA              | \$1,046.85 | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Schwab Jack                        | 12/18/2024 | Buttons,<br>stickers and<br>envelopes            | Oak Harbor            | WA              | \$316.21   | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Schwab Jack                        | 12/13/2024 | Signs, Flyers,<br>Stickers,<br>Balloons          | Oak Harbor            | WA              | \$1,845.17 | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Schwab Jack                        | 12/09/2024 | Stickers,<br>buttons, signs                      | Oak Harbor            | WA              | \$1,144.46 | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |
| Whidbey<br>Playhouse               | 12/28/2024 | Advertising                                      | Oak Harbor            | WA              | \$265.00   | <a href="#">View</a><br><a href="#">Report</a> |

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