

Respondent Name
WA HOUSING ALLIANCE ACTION FUND PAC
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Tue, 1 Oct 2024 at 4:20 PM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>This committee failed to timely file its post-general C4 from 2023, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110235754</p> <p>This committee also failed to timely file its 7-day pre-election C4 from 2023, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110235753</p> <p>This committee "participated" in the general election, see attached expenditures for 2023.</p> <p>Additionally, this committee failed to include the run-dates of newspaper advertisements, see link: https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/committees/co-2022-20345/expenditures?description=newspaper I understand that PDC staff view this as being a violation.</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 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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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 filers 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>

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/>

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.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

— Mahatma Gandhi

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

The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing filing requirements. The agency's failure to actively monitor the filings of committees and enforce filing requirements damages both the public and the candidates themselves.

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

PDC Website.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

See respondent contact info on 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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Itemized Expenditures

\$4,255.79

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...

\$2,000.00

Inkind contribution

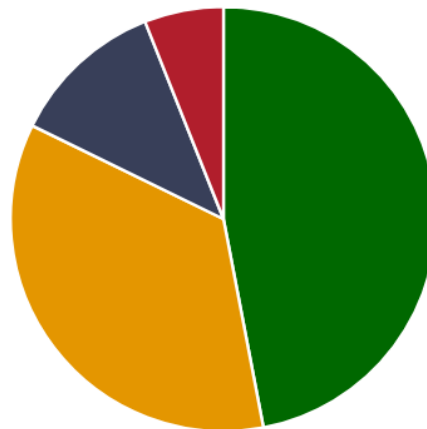
\$1,500.00

Utilities, phone, and other...

\$500.00

Not Provided

\$255.79



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EXPENSES OF \$50 OR LESS	01/01/2023				\$0.00	View Report
WASHINGTON HOUSING ALLIANCE ACTION FUND	01/31/2023	Accounting, legal, regulatory compliance, etc.	SEATTLE	WA	\$300.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$50 OR LESS	02/01/2023				\$0.00	View Report
WASHINGTON HOUSING ALLIANCE ACTION FUND	02/28/2023	Accounting: Subvendor Advocate Accounting LLC	SEATTLE	WA	\$300.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$50 OR LESS	03/01/2023				\$0.00	View Report
WASHINGTON HOUSING ALLIANCE ACTION FUND	03/31/2023	Accounting: Subvendor Advocate Accounting	SEATTLE	WA	\$300.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	04/01/2023				\$0.00	View Report
WASHINGTON HOUSING ALLIANCE ACTION FUND	04/30/2023	Accounting Subvendor: Advocate Accounting LLC	SEATTLE	WA	\$300.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	05/01/2023				\$165.79	View Report
WASHINGTON HOUSING ALLIANCE ACTION FUND	05/31/2023	Accounting Subvendor: Advocate Accounting LLC	SEATTLE	WA	\$300.00	View Report
CREDIT EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	06/01/2023				\$0.00	View Report

Recipient	Date	Description	Recipient City	Recipient State	Amount	Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	06/01/2023				\$0.00	View Report
Lisa Brown for Mayor	06/26/2023	Contribution to Candidate	Spokane	WA	\$500.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	07/25/2023				\$30.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	09/01/2023				\$15.00	View Report
Tacoma for All PAC	09/01/2023	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Tacoma	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Bob Ferguson for Governor Exploratory Committee	09/09/2023	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$1,500.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	10/31/2023				\$30.00	View Report
EXPENSES OF \$200.00 OR LESS	12/01/2023				\$15.00	View Report

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Committee Information

Registration

April 30, 2006

Treasurer

Rachael Myers
304 Alaskan Way S Suite 302
SEATTLE, WA, 98104
206-442-9455

Political Committee Type

Issue

Jurisdiction

None reported.

Committee Address

304 Alaskan Way S Suite 302
SEATTLE, WA 98104

Phone

206-442-9455

Email

accounting@whila.org

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$2,102.71

Contributions Amount

\$3,000.00

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$5,102.71

Expenditures

\$4,255.79

Pledges

\$0.00

Debts

\$0.00

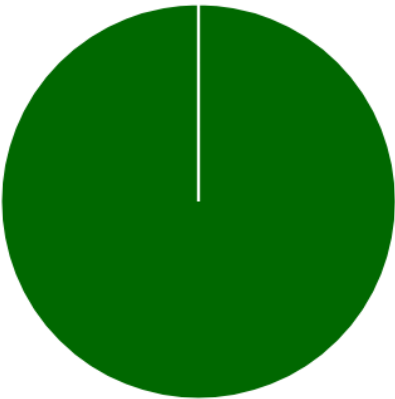
Made to committee for 2023

Contributions

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

Contributions made to committee for 2023

Other
\$3,000.00



Made by committee for 2023

Expenditures

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

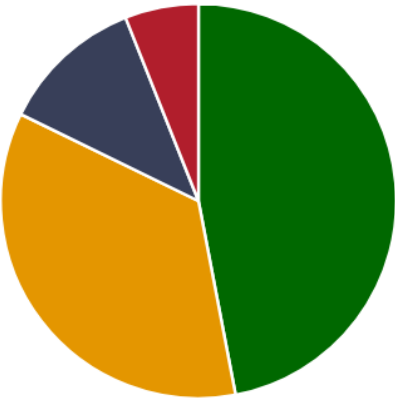
Expenditures made by committee for 2023

Monetary contributions to PAC...
\$2,000.00

Inkind contribution
\$1,500.00

Utilities, phone, and other...
\$500.00

Not Provided
\$255.79



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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12/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	110235755	08/05/2024	View Report	C4	2023
10/31/2023 - 11/30/2023	110235754	08/05/2024	View Report	C4	2023
10/17/2023 - 10/30/2023	110235753	08/05/2024	View Report	C4	2023
09/01/2023 - 09/01/2023	110170899	09/08/2023	View Report	C3 - Amended	2023
09/01/2023 - 10/16/2023	110181418	10/17/2023	View Report	C4	2023
08/31/2023 - 08/31/2023	110170896 Amended by: 110170899	09/08/2023	View Report	C3	2023
07/25/2023 - 08/31/2023	110170903	09/08/2023	View Report	C4	2023
07/11/2023 - 07/24/2023	110170887	09/08/2023	View Report	C4	2023
06/01/2023 - 07/10/2023	110159277	07/12/2023	View Report	C4	2023
05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023	110150516	06/06/2023	View Report	C4	2023
04/01/2023 - 04/30/2023	110145874	05/10/2023	View Report	C4	2023
03/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	110142166	04/10/2023	View Report	C4	2023
02/01/2023 - 02/28/2023	110142162	04/10/2023	View Report	C4	2023

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