

<b>Respondent Name</b>
Citizens In Support Of Yelm Community Schools
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Conner Edwards
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p><a href="#">Conner Edwards</a> reported via the portal (Thu, 6 Feb 2025 at 7:30 PM)</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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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>
<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.



# Citizens In Support Of Yelm Community Schools (Citizens For Yelm) 2025

<b>Overview</b>	<a href="#">Contributions</a>	<a href="#">Expenditures</a>	<a href="#">Pledges</a>	<a href="#">Debts</a>	<a href="#">Loans</a>
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## Committee Overview

Registered September 12, 2024  
Continuing Committee  
Treasurer is Gina Coopridner

## Committee Contact

PO BOX 1537  
Yelm, WA 98697  
 [citizens4yelmschools@gmail.com](mailto:citizens4yelmschools@gmail.com)  
 253-691-6740

Financial Overview

\$8,099.47	+	\$2,289.54	+	\$0.00	=	\$10,389.01
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised
\$4,920.75				\$0.00		\$0.00
Total spent				Pledges		Debt

Committee Reports and Forms

- [Registration Form](#)
- [Contributors and Vendors Map](#)

Made to committee for 2025

**Contributions**

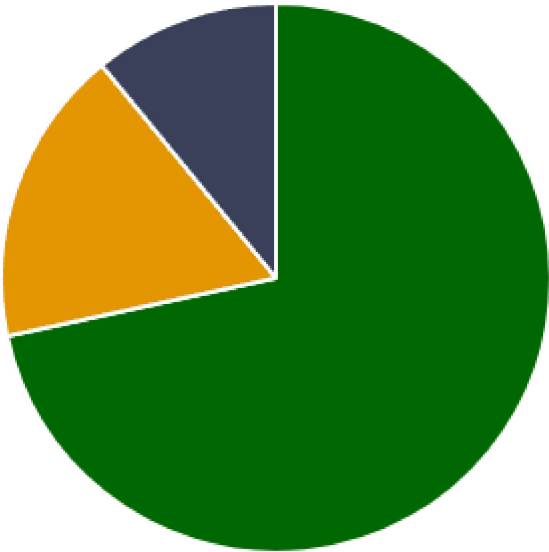
See who has contributed cash and in-kind (non-monetary) contributions to the committee..

Contributions made to committee for 2025

Other  
\$1,639.54

Union  
\$400.00

Individual  
\$250.00



Made by committee for 2025

Expenditures

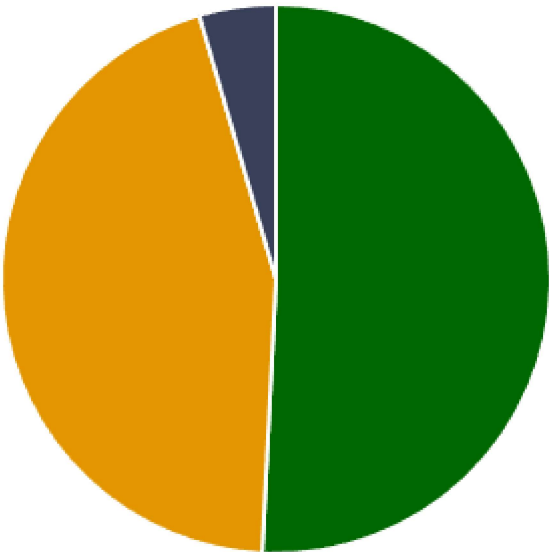
See how the committee has spent money, and what kind of goods and services it received as in-kind contributions.

Expenditures made by candidate for 2025

Broadcast/cable TV advertising  
\$2,500.00

Management and consulting services  
\$2,199.00

Not Provided  
\$221.75



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
01/01/2025 - 01/20/2025	110269615	01/29/2025	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C4	2025
01/06/2025 - 01/06/2025	110269028	01/21/2025	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2025
01/07/2025 - 01/07/2025	110269170	01/23/2025	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2025

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01/28/2025 - 01/28/2025	110269617	01/29/2025	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2025
01/28/2025 - 01/28/2025	110269616	01/29/2025	<a href="#">View Report</a>	C3	2025

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**FILE ONLINE**

**Complaint Against: Citizens In Support Of Yelm Community Schools**

**Submitted:** 2/6/25

**Notice to Respondent Due By:** 2/16/25 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

**90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline:** 5/7/25 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 is required to file a 7-day C4 report as required by law. They are under the "full reporting" option and are participating in the February 2025 election and thus are required to file regardless of activity. See attached list of reports.

For the payments made to Seeley Media LLC on this C4 report (<https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110269615>) it appears the committee has failed to disclose subvendor(s) and run date(s).

It also appears that the committee failed to include the level of detail which PDC staff believe is required for a whole host of 2024 expenditures, see link: <https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/committees/co-2024-37024#expenditures> .

**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>

<sup>2</sup> <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics/key-dates-2024>



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