

Respondent Names
James Pitzer
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal <i>3 days ago (Mon, 7 Jul 2025 at 2:28 PM)</i> See complaint & PDC website.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
See complaint & PDC website.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
See complaint & PDC website.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
See complaint & 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: James Pitzer

Submitted: 7/7/2025

Notice to Respondent Due By: 7/17/2025 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 10/5/2025 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

Violations

This C4 was filed 26 days late, see link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110296131>

Additionally, for the two deposits included in the top page of the C4 report, there is no corresponding C3 reports.

The respondent's website also does not contain a paid for by statement, see link: <https://www.pitzerforpullman.com/>

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

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

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

Notice to Respondent

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.

This complaint is one of over one thousand complaints 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.

What are these shortcomings?

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.

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.

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

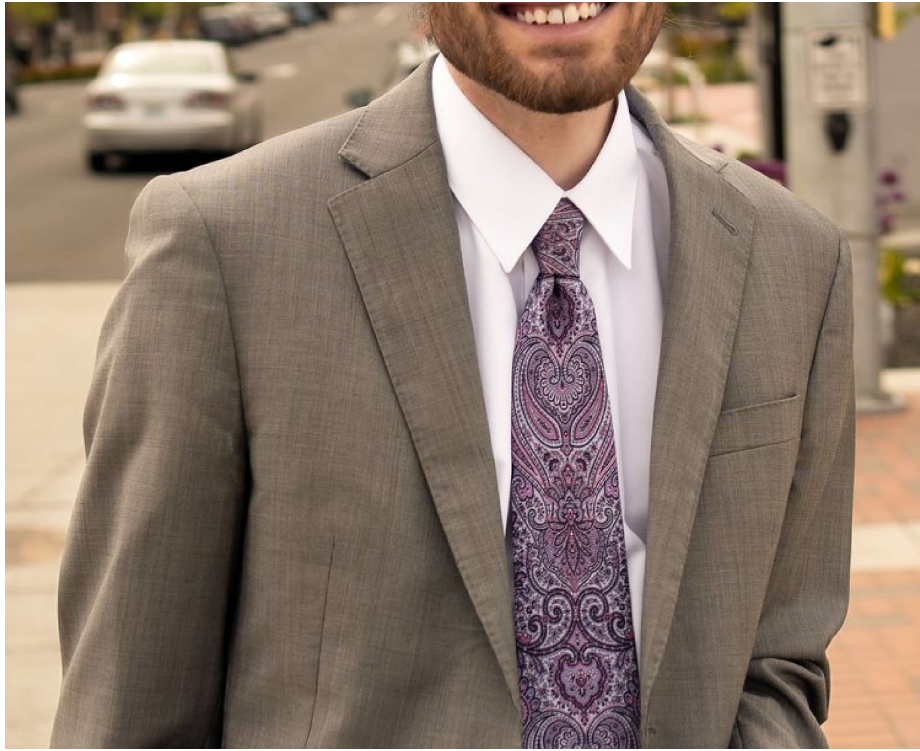
James Pitzer for Pullman

City Council - Ward 1



About James





James Pitzer is a lifelong Pullman resident and proud graduate of both Pullman Public Schools and Washington State University. At 24, he brings a fresh, local perspective rooted in years of living, working, and volunteering in the community he calls home. From serving the public at local businesses to engaging in community service projects, James has experienced Pullman through many lenses — as a student, worker, neighbor, and now as a candidate ready to lead.

James is running for Pullman City Council to help get Pullman back on its feet. He believes the city deserves transparent, pragmatic leadership and is ready to take action. His platform focuses on revitalizing the local economy, strengthening ties between the city and local institutions, and supporting small businesses that are the backbone of the community.

Thoughtful, solution-oriented, and persistent, James is committed to representing all of Ward 1 — not just one group or interest — but the entire community. He's ready to work hard and be a strong, steady voice for Pullman's future.

Platform

Strong Ties with Local Institutions

Pullman thrives when our city works with key local institutions like Washington State University, SEL, and others that drive our economy and shape our community. I'm committed to strengthening these relationships to ensure open communication, shared planning, and coordinated problem-solving. By building trust and collaboration between the city and our largest employers, educators, and innovators, we can better serve the needs of all who live and work in Pullman.

Economic Revitalization

Pullman is full of potential — but we need to take bold steps to revitalize our economy and bring energy back to our local corridors. From smart development to community-driven planning, I'll support efforts that grow our economy while preserving what makes Pullman unique.

Small Business Support

Small businesses are the heart of Pullman's economy and identity. I'll work to remove unnecessary barriers, provide meaningful support, and ensure local entrepreneurs have a seat at the table. A thriving small business community lifts everyone.

Transparent & Accountable Leadership

Pullman deserves a city council that communicates clearly, acts with integrity, and puts residents first. I'm committed to building trust through open dialogue, accessible decision-

making, and consistent engagement with Ward 1 and beyond. We need leadership that doesn't just show up during elections, but is present year-round.

LEARN MORE





Contact James

Have a question, an idea, or want to get involved? I'd love to hear from you. Whether you're a Ward 1 resident, a local business owner, or just someone who cares about the future of Pullman – feel free to reach out.

pitzer4pullman@gmail.com

(509) 432-3291

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