

<b>Respondent Names</b>
JW Foster
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Connor Edwards
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<a href="#"><u>Conner Edwards</u></a> reported via the portal <i>(Fri, 18 Jul 2025 at 12:15 PM)</i>  See complaint & PDC website.
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
See complaint & PDC website.
<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
See complaint & PDC website.
<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>
See complaint & 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.

## Complaint Against: JW Foster

Submitted: 7/18/2025

Notice to Respondent Due By: 7/28/2025 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 10/16/2025 per RCW 42.17A.755(3)

Statutes Violated: RCW 42.17A.235, .240, .320, .700

### 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

#### 2025 Violations

The respondent's website (<https://www.fosterforyelm.com/>) fails to include the sponsor ID address as required by RCW 42.17A.320. See attached.

Additionally, his campaign's promotional video and Facebook page are also lacking sponsor ID statements. See link: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1855413324969967>

Additionally, the respondent registered with the PDC on March 25, 2025 and was required to file his F-1 by 4/8/25. He failed to file his F-1 until 4/16/25, over a week late. This violated RCW 42.17A.700.

Finally, every single expenditure/in-kind disclosed by the respondent is lacking the information required by WAC 390-16-205, see below:

Recipient	Date	expenditure_description	Issue	expenditure_amount	url
Capitol City Press	5/27/2025	campaign signs	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 751.45	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110290597">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110290597</a>
DZines	6/23/2025	shirts	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 351.62	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110299234">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110299234</a>
DZines	6/13/2025	Handheld fans	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 409.67	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110299234">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110299234</a>
DZines	6/13/2025	Car magnets	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 93.08	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110299234">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110299234</a>
John Foster	5/8/2025	Filing fees	Failed to Disclose Recipient Subvender	\$ 300.00	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110290597">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110290597</a>

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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>

## 2024 Violations

In 2024, numerous expenditures disclosed by the respondent is lacking the information required by WAC 390-16-205. See below.

Recipient	Date	Expenditure Description	Violation	Amount	url
D Zines	2024-10-14T00:00:00.000	assorted campaign materials, handouts, signs.	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 744.67	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110254660">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110254660</a>
Capitol City Press	2024-05-14T00:00:00.000	Yard signs	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 702.08	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110221079">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110221079</a>
Honahlee Embroidery Arts	2024-06-18T00:00:00.000	campaign t-shirts	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 685.00	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110230079">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110230079</a>
Capitol City Press	2024-09-20T00:00:00.000	campaign signs	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 327.45	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110254660">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110254660</a>
D Zines	2024-09-18T00:00:00.000	Magnetic car signs and window stickers	Failed to Disclose Quantity	\$ 168.36	<a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110254660">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110254660</a>

## 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

# JW Foster

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## For Mayor of Yelm



### VOTING INFO

**July 28**

Last day to register to vote or update registration [online](#) or by mail before the primary election

**August 5**

Ballots due. Last day to register to vote or update registration [in person](#) before the primary election

**August 22**

Primary Election Certification

**October 27**

Last day to register to vote or update registration [online](#) before the general election

**November 4**

Ballots due. Last day to register to vote or update registration [in person](#) before the general election

**December 4**

General Election Certification

[Click here to register to vote](#)

### JW'S MESSAGE

Yelm deserves a full-time mayor. Fully dedicated to the job, not juggling another full-time job or personal business. Fully available to the community, not just showing up when it's convenient or politically expedient. And fully devoted to listening, learning, connecting, and serving far outside personal benefit.

I worked 24/7 for our amazing city in my first term from 2016-2021. Some of my

proudest accomplishments are [listed here](#). I have the knowledge, connections, resources, and proven ability to make the real changes Yelm needs and its citizens are asking for. I'm ready to go back to work for you.

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