

<b>Respondent Names</b>
UFCW UNION LOCAL 367 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FUND
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Conner Edwards
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p>Conner Edwards</p> <p>Fri, 1 Aug 2025 at 11:02 AM</p> <p>See complaint &amp; PDC website.</p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
<p>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. The public disclosure law was enacted through voter approval of Initiative 276 in 1972.</p> <p>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.</p>
<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: UFCW UNION LOCAL 367 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FUND**

**Submitted:** 8/1/2025

**Notice to Respondent Due By:** 8/11/2025 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

**90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline:** 10/30/2025 per RCW 42.17A.755(3)

**Statutes Violated:** RCW 42.17A.235, .240, .205, see WAC

### **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.

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#### **Violations**

This respondent is sponsoring an initiative to create a "Workers' Bill of Rights", see link and attached: <https://www.ufcw367.org/post/support-the-worker-s-bill-of-rights>

In January of 2025, the committee incurred a \$227,142 debt to Washington Community Action Network for signature gathering, see link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110301136>

On 7/22/25, the committee paid \$227,142 to Washington Community Action Network, see link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110303630>

Neither the debt, nor the eventual expenditure disclosed a detailed breakdown of sub-vendors, as the PDC recently held was required as part of PDC Case No. 140213. See WAC 390-16-205.

Additionally, the committee's C1-pc registration fails to indicate that it is promoting passage of the aforementioned initiative:

[https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/registration?registration\\_id=51099](https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/registration?registration_id=51099)

### **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>

### **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**

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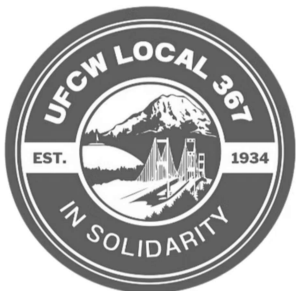
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UFCW 367 is proud to lead the fight for bold, transformative change in Tacoma through the **Workers' Bill of Rights (WBR)**. As covered in [The News Tribune](#), we've officially launched a campaign to gather signatures and place this powerful initiative on the November ballot.

The WBR would raise Tacoma's minimum wage to \$20 an hour—phased in overtime for small and mid-sized businesses—while also guaranteeing fair scheduling, more access to full-time hours, and stronger workplace safety protections. Our members face these real, everyday issues, and this initiative is our collective answer.



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