Respondent Name

Central Valley Citizens for Education

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

Conner Edwards reported via the portal

(Wed, 24 Jan 2024 at 1:11 PM)

Description of Complaint

This committee failed to timely file a 21 day pre-election C4 by the required deadline (1/23/24).

By any objective measure, it is unacceptable that the PDC would take no action to help bring this filer into compliance now that ballots are out to the voters. 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 committees themselves.

I have tried many different times to get the PDC to take action on this type of issue with no tangible results whatsoever. At one point, I believe the agency discussed the possibility of internally flagging non-filers in the PDC's system and proactively reaching out to them to bring them into compliance, but it appears this is not happening.

Having exhausted all of my other options to pursue reform, the only remaining option available to me to compel the agency to take action here is to file PDC complaints against these noncompliant filers in an effort to force the agency to take action.

By highlighting the agency's failure to meaningfully enforce current reporting deadlines, my hope is that the agency will look to improve its own enforcement procedures and help candidates and treasurers comply with the law.

Notice to Respondents:

I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint; it is not my intention.

No campaign treasurer or campaign/committee is perfect. Trying to comply with the myriad of requirements and deadlines the PDC enforces can be extremely difficult, even for those who have been doing this for years. The agency could adopt any number of strategies to help filers "get it right" when it comes to deadlines and other requirements. Some of these strategies might include: a) automated electronic filing reminders to a filer when they have missed a deadline, b) mandatory attendance in a PDC training course before a person is allowed to serve as treasurer, c) giving filers 48 hours to file 21- & 7-day pre-election reports as opposed to the 24 hours candidates currently get, and d) improvements to the ORCA online campaign finance filing system to improve useability.

In my opinion, the agency has failed to provide many filers with the knowledge and tools that they need to file reports on time and be compliant.

If you are confused by the filing requirements that the agency enforces or are experiencing technical difficulties and/or usability issues with the ORCA system, please be sure to indicate this in your response to the PDC: your comments will provide valuable feedback for the agency.

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

Because this committee has not timely filed their required reports, members of the public are unable to view up to date financial information, significantly reducing transparency available to voters.

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 committees themselves.

It is imperative that PDC staff reach out to this committee immediately to bring them into compliance before the 2024 special election is concluded.

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

PDC Website.

List of potential witnesses

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.



Central Valley Citizens for Education

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Registration Filed

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Full Reporting

Submitted date: 01/06/2024

Certified by jenchase13@gmail.com

2024S2

CENTVC 206

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Ballot Propositions

Supporting #Supporting Proposition #1

Central Valley Sd 356 Levy, Bond or Advisory Vote 2024S2

Supporting #Supporting Proposition #2

Central Valley Sd 356 Levy, Bond or Advisory Vote 2024S2

Attachments

Name

Description



Central Valley Citizens for Education - 2024

Committee Information

Registration

January 06, 2024

Treasurer

Mathew Knott 3823 S Lee St Spokane, WA, 99203

Political Committee Type

Single Election Committee

Jurisdiction

CENTRAL VALLEY SD 356

Committee Address

PO Box 141716 Spokane Valley, WA 99214

Phone

Email

CVSchoolsCVPowered@gmail.com

No fund data available.

Campaign Finance Reports

See the reports filed by the committee. Reports with a strikethrough were amended by another report.

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