#### **Respondent Name**

Doug Weis

#### **Complainant Name**

Conner Edwards

### **Complaint Description**

Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Tue, 20 Feb 2024 at 3:25 PM)

Description of Complaint

This candidate failed to timely file the required 21-day pre-primary C4 report, the required 7-day pre-primary C4 report, and the required post-primary C4 report.

By any objective measure, it is unacceptable that the PDC would take no action to help bring this filer into compliance now that the statute of limitations is rapidly approaching. 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 candidates and enforce filing requirements damages both the public and the candidates 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 candidate has not timely filed one or more 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 candidates and enforce filing requirements damages both the public and the candidates themselves.

It is imperative that PDC staff reach out to this candidate immediately to bring them into compliance.

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

PDC Website.

#### List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

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.



# **Doug Weis**

Douglas Weis PO Box 1427 Ronald, WA 98940 dougw@inlandnet.com 5096749097

## **Registration Filed**

Candidate

**Full Reporting** 

Submitted date: 07/07/2023

Certified by dougw@inlandnet.com

2023

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# **Candidacy**

Doug Weis

Cle Elum-roslyn Sd 404

**School Director** 

Position TBD

dougw@inlandnet.com

# **Bank Information**

Cashmere Valley Bank

820 W. 1st

Cle Elum, WA 98922

To schedule books review contact dougw@inlandnet.com

## **Officers**

## **Susie Weis**

Treasurer PO Box 1427 Ronald, WA 98940 dougw@inlandnet.com 5096749097

## **Attachments**

Name Description



# Doug Weis - 2023

# **Candidate Information**

Office:

SCHOOL DIRECTOR

**Jurisdiction:** 

CLE ELUM-ROSLYN SD 404

**Registration:** 

June 18, 2023

**Address:** 

PO Box 1427

Ronald, WA 98940

**Email:** 

dougw@inlandnet.com

Phone:

5096749097

# **Financial Information**

No data available.

### **Status**

# **Primary Election Status:**

Lost in primary

# **Campaign Status:**

Candidate declared

## **Reports**

Candidate's Personal Financial Affairs disclosure
Candidate's surplus funds account

# Spending for and against this candidate Independent Expenditures

Independent expenditures are made by third parties that are not part of a candidate's campaign.

No Independent Expenditures reported.

# **Campaign Finance Reports**

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

Show 25 ✓ entries

Download 0 rows as CSV.

No records found

There are no reports available for this campaign

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### **Kittitas County**

#### August 1, 2023 Primary

Last updated on 08/15/2023 1:11 PM

Number of Precincts	16
Number of Registered Voters	7,565
Total Ballots Counted	2,607
Estimated Ballots Left to Count	
Next Ballot Count On	FINAL
Last Tabulated	08/15/2023 1:11 PM
Voter Turnout	34.46%
Certification Date	08/15/2023
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#### School

CLE ELUM-ROSLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 404 At Large- AL#2			
Candidate	Vote	Vote %	
Rob Iverson	819	31.59%	
Doug Weis	632	24.37%	
Monica Oertli Medalen	1,131	43.62%	
WRITE-IN	11	0.42%	
Total Votes	2,593		
Precinct Results »	1		

### City/Town

CITY OF CLE ELUM Mayor				
Candidate	Vote	Vote %		
Matthew Lundh	341	60.57%		
Kerry Clark	140	24.87%		
Ron Wayne	78	13.85%		

WRITE-IN	4	0.71%
Total Votes	563	
Precinct Results »		

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