

**Respondent Name**

Jean Craciun

**Complainant Name**

Conner Edwards

**Complaint Description**

[Conner Edwards](#) reported via the portal  
(Sat, 1 Feb 2025 at 2:05 PM)

**Description of Complaint**

See attached complaint.

**Notice to Respondent**

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

See complaint. The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing disclosure requirements. The agency's failure to actively monitor compliance with these requirements and enforce them damages both the public and members of the regulated community.

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

See complaint and also PDC website.

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

See complaint and also 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: Jean Craciun**

**Submitted:** 2/1/25

**Notice to Respondent Due By:** 2/11/25 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

**90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline:** 5/1/25 per RCW 42.17A.755(3)

**Statutes Violated:** RCW 42.17A.235, .240, WAC 390-16-125

**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**

Jean Craciun has recently filed an inaccurate C4 report with a negative line 18 balance (-\$2,698.07). This suggests incomplete/inaccurate reporting.

21-Day C4 report 2023: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110269672> .

Additionally, on June 10, 2024, an attorney for Jean Craciun responded to the PDC complaint. See link: <https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6849/154360%20Craciun%20Jean%20Response.pdf>

However, her campaign has not disclosed any payment made to this attorney as an in-kind contribution, expenditure or debt. The last C4 filed by this candidate was covering February 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

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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>

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**“You can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs.”  
— François de Charette**



# Jean Craciun (Jean Iannelli Craciun)

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL MEMBER for CITY OF SEATTLE in the 2023 election.

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### Candidate Overview

Registered March 20, 2023

📍 6544 Fauntleroy Way SW  
Seattle, WA 98136

✉ [craciunj@gmail.com](mailto:craciunj@gmail.com)

### Candidacy Status

- ↳ Candidate registered (3/20/2023)
- ↳ Candidate declared (5/15/2023)
- ↳ Lost in primary

### Financial Overview

<b>\$0.00</b>	+	<b>\$67,019.28</b>	+	<b>\$0.00</b>	=	<b>\$67,019.28</b>
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised
<b>\$55,565.00</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Total spent				Pledges		Debt
<b>\$0.00</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
Independent expenditures for						Independent expenditures against

### Candidate Reports and Forms

- [Registration Form](#)

[Financial Affairs Report](#)

[Surplus Funds Account](#)

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### Made to candidate for 2023

## Contributions

See who has contributed cash and in-kind (non-monetary) contributions to the campaign.

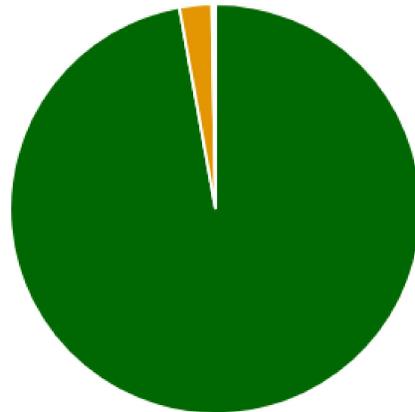
**Contributions made to candidate for 2023**

**Individual**  
\$65,298.00

**Self**  
\$1,711.28

**Political Action Committee**  
\$100.00

**Other**  
\$-90.00



### Made by candidate for 2023

## Expenditures

See how the campaign has spent money, and what kind of goods and services it received as in-kind contributions.

**Expenditures made by candidate for 2023**

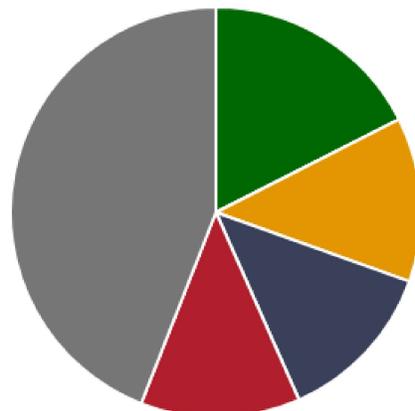
**Rent, lease, mortgage, PO...**  
\$9,734.13

**Wages, salaries, benefits,...**  
\$7,190.00

**Utilities, phone, and other...**  
\$7,172.49

**Campaign merchandise/paraphernalia**  
\$6,984.36

**Miscellaneous**  
\$24,484.02



## Candidates Filed for this Position

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\* declared candidates (eligible for election)

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
<a href="#">Rob Saka</a> *	\$230,320.00	\$237,330.00
<a href="#">Maren Costa</a> *	\$192,494.15	\$193,157.78
<a href="#">Jean Craciun (Jean Iannelli Craciun)</a> *	\$67,019.28	\$55,565.00
<a href="#">TAVEL PHILLIP A (Phillip Tavel)</a> *	\$61,602.43	\$63,015.00
<a href="#">Preston MJV Anderson (Preston Anderson)</a> *	\$56,810.28	\$59,510.28
<a href="#">Stephen Charles Brown (Stephen Brown)</a> *	\$52,458.16	\$76,013.13
<a href="#">Luz D. Barefoot (Lucy Barefoot)</a> *	\$1,170.00	\$608.88
<a href="#">Mia Jacobson</a> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<a href="#">Michael Vincent Auger (Vincent Auger)</a> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<a href="#">AnnaLisa LaFayette</a>	\$0.00	\$0.00

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### 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.**

### Incurring by candidate

#### Debts

This information shows the debt for the campaign as of the submission date of the related report.

**Outstanding debt for campaign is \$0.00**

# Campaign Finance Reports

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

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