#### **Respondent Names**

Richland Citizens for Good Schools 2023 Levy (RCGS)

#### **Complainant Name**

Conner Edwards

#### **Complaint Description**

Conner Edwards

Wed, 22 May 2024 at 8:47 PM

Because the respondent failed to timely file any of the required C3 or C4 reports, members of the public are unable to tell whether the committee received certain types of contributions or made expenditures during the relevant timeframe, significantly reducing transparency available to the public.

PDC staff must take prompt action on this complaint to help render the assistance necessary to bring this filer into compliance.

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. 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 extremely valuable feedback for the agency.

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

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

See PDC website.

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

See PDC website, also candidate.

#### **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.

YES January 7, 2023 · 3

It's time to show our support for the levy and remind our neighbors that we will have an important vote on the February 14 ballot. Pull out that sign from the levy last year or contact us for a sign to show your support. Donations to defray sign costs are welcomed.



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## Richland Citizens for Good Schools 2023 Levy (RCGS)

225 Greenview Drive Richland, WA 99352 richlandcitizens4goodschools@gmail.com 5095938601

#### **Registration Filed**

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**Full Reporting** 

Submitted date: 02/01/2023

Certified by danicamgarcia@gmail.com

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#### **Bank Information**

HAPO Credit Union

3034 Duportail Street

Richland, WA 99352

To schedule books review contact richlandcitizens4goodschools@gmail.com

#### **Officers**

5/23/24, 11:34 AM public

#### **Danica Garcia**

Chair

Treasurer

225 Greenview Drive

Richland, WA 99352

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## **Ballot Propositions**

#### **Supporting**

Richland Sd 400 Levy, Bond or Advisory Vote 2023S2

#### **Attachments**

Name

Description

## February 14, 2023 Special Election

Last updated on 02/24/2023 9:47 AM

Number of Precincts	234
Number of Registered Voters	118,808
Total Ballots Counted	40,619
Estimated Ballots Left to Count	
Next Ballot Count On	FINAL
Last Tabulated	02/24/2023 9:47 AM
Voter Turnout	34.19%
Certification Date	02/24/2023
Export Results	CSV · XML   Precincts CSV

#### School

Kennewick School District 17 EDUCA OPERATIONS LEVY	ATIONAL PROGRAM	IS AND
Measure	Vote	Vote %
LEVY YES	11,166	55.74%
LEVY NO	8,867	44.26%
Total Votes	20,033	100%
Precinct Results »		

Paterson	School District	t 50 REPLA	ACEMENT	<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>
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Measure	Vote	Vote %
LEVY YES	47	90.38%
LEVY NO	5	9.62%
Total Votes	52	100%
Precinct Results »		

# Kiona-Benton City School District 52 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION REPLACEMENT LEVY

Measure	Vote	Vote %
LEVY YES	904	52.5%
LEVY NO	818	47.5%
Total Votes	1,722	100%
Precinct Results »	'	

# Finley School District 53 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

Measure	Vote	Vote %
LEVY YES	572	52.14%

LEVY NO	525	47.86%
Total Votes	1,097	100%
Precinct Results »		

Richland School District 400 CAPITAL LEVY FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES EVALUATION AND DESIGN

Measure	Vote	Vote %
LEVY YES	9,749	55.13%
LEVY NO	7,936	44.87%
Total Votes	17,685	100%
Precinct Results »		





# Richland Citizens for Good Schools 2023 Levy (RCGS) -2023

#### **Committee Information**

#### Registration

February 01, 2023

#### **Treasurer**

Danica Garcia 225 Greenview Drive Richland, WA, 99352 5095938601

#### **Political Committee Type**

Education

#### Jurisdiction

**RICHLAND SD 400** 

#### **Committee Address**

225 Greenview Drive Richland, WA 99352

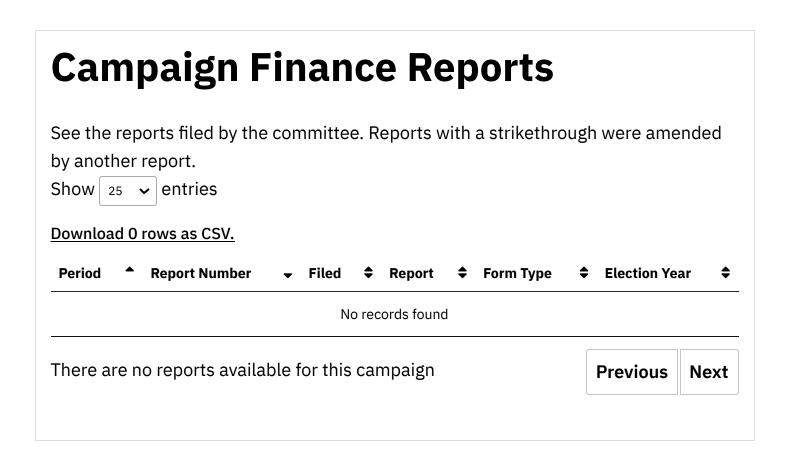
#### **Phone**

5095938601

#### **Email**

richlandcitizens4goodschools@gmail.com

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