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1. The Conner Edwards complaints allege that the campaign improperly included processing fees in donation amounts and filed C4s reflecting inaccurate Cash on Hand (line 18) balances. Have you reviewed your reporting to determine if these allegations are accurate? If the allegations are accurate, has the reporting been corrected? If the reporting has not been corrected, when can I expect it to be corrected?

I do not believe the allegations are accurate. But if they are, we will have all discrepancies corrected by the final filing of the general election.

1. In the same complaint, Mr. Edwards alleged that the campaign received over limit contributions. Have you reviewed your reporting to determine if this allegation is accurate? If the allegations are accurate, what is the campaign's next step to remedy the acceptance of over-limit contributions?

The allegation is inaccurate, and is inconsistent with the first complaint - it can't truthfully be simultaneously alleged that processing fees are part of any given donation over \$2400, while also claiming that those contributions are "over the campaign limit" because of the processing fees. The discrepancy here indicates that Mr. Edwards' complaint - as indicated by reporting from the Seattle Times on May 9, 2024 - is more about scoring cheap political points than about enforcement.

1. Mr. Edwards also alleges that the campaign failed to report the address of vendors and failed to identify the quantity of printed items in reporting. Have you reviewed your reporting to determine if these allegations are accurate? If the allegations are accurate, has the reporting been corrected? If the reporting has not been corrected, when can I expect it to be corrected?

The allegation is inaccurate.

1. Regarding the 6x9 political advertisement, was this material disseminated by your campaign?

It was unclear from the complaint which 6x9 political advertisement was being referred to.

1. Regarding the haircuts paid for by your campaign, what are the dates for the "television, debate, and other campaign appearances" that you have indicated were related to the haircut expenditures?

With due respect, the "campaign appearances" were constant, as I'm constantly a candidate. Filers of this complaint are well aware of that, but have chosen to use the P.D.C. complaint process for politically motivated aims, rather than for genuine oversight.

1. Regarding the letter from Frank Chopp, you've indicated that "The assumed name of for the political advert ("Better Washington") was incorrect." Who should have been identified as the sponsor ID of that letter?

"The Fighting 43rd" should have been identified as the sponsor ID of the letter.