

Respondent Names
AARP No on I 2124 Sponsored by AARP Washington State
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards</p> <p>Fri, 2 Aug 2024 at 10:04 PM</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>The C4 filed by this committee was filed significantly late: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110235448</p> <p>The C4 in question is a merged C4 which involves expenditures that should have been disclosed on 5/10/24 and 6/10/24 respectively.</p> <p>Additionally, members of the public are unable to tell what the in-kind donation of staff time was for. The committee just listed the names of people. What did these people do?</p> <p>Notice to Respondent</p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint.</p> <p>This complaint is one of hundreds that I have filed to highlight and ultimately fix the significant shortcomings associated with the agency responsible for administering our state's campaign finance laws.</p> <p>What are these shortcomings?</p> <p>Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with. Failure to properly educate filers about the tasks they must perform to remain in compliance with applicable requirements and avoid complaints. Failure of the agency to send regular reminders to filers about pending deadlines. A failure to proactively enforce applicable requirements which enables the complaint system to become weaponized. Non-intuitive, non-user friendly, and buggy reporting software. Failure to meaningfully enforce core requirements. Failure to follow the best operating practices of other neighboring campaign finance agencies. An agency leadership structure that largely disregards stakeholder input and is slow to identify and resolve major agency deficiencies.</p>

I believe that the best way to motivate the agency to address these problems is by filing a large number of complaints so that the agency's problems become impossible to ignore.

Slowly (too slowly) this strategy is starting to yield concrete and beneficial changes. You can read about these changes here: <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-one-man-filed-800-campaign-finance-complaints-against-wa-candidates/>

If you believe that the agency could have done something different to help you proactively avoid the issues identified in this complaint, I hope that you will consider including it in your response. The agency, and the public, can benefit from your perspective and feedback.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

— Mahatma Gandhi

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

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 candidates themselves.

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.



711 Capitol Way Suite 206
PO Box 40908 Olympia, WA 98504-0908
(360) 753-1111
Toll Free 1-800-601-2828

**SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS
AND EXPENDITURES**

C4

AARP No on I 2124 Sponsored by AARP Washington State

18000 International Blvd
Seatac, WA 98188

Coverage: 03/29/2024 to 07/31/2024

Final report: No

Report number: 110235448

Election year: 2024

Date submitted: 08/02/2024

RECEIPTS

1. Previous total cash and in-kind contributions (last C4 line 8).		\$0.00
2. Cash received (Schedule A line 1).	\$0.00	
3. In-kind contributions received (Line 1 schedule B).	\$17,415.00	
4. Total cash and in-kind contributions received this period (Lines 2 + 3).		\$17,415.00
5. Loan principal repayments made (Line 2 schedule L).	\$0.00	
6. Corrections (Lines 1 or 3 schedule C).	\$0.00	
7. Net adjustments this period (Lines 5 + 6).		\$0.00
8. Total cash and in-kind contributions during campaign (Lines 1 + 4 + 7).		\$17,415.00
9. Total pledge payments due (Line 2 schedule B).	\$0.00	

EXPENDITURES

10. Previous total cash and in-kind expenditures (Last C-4 line 17).		\$0.00
11. Cash expenditures (Line 3 schedule A).	\$0.00	
12. In-kind expenditures (Line 1 schedule B).	\$17,415.00	
13. Total cash and in-kind expenditures made this period (Lines 11 + 12).		\$17,415.00
14. Loan principal repayment made (Line 2 schedule L).	\$0.00	
15. Corrections (Lines 2 + 3 schedule C).	\$0.00	
16. Net adjustments this period (Lines 14 + 15).		\$0.00
17. Total cash and in-kind expenditures during campaign (Lines 10 + 13 + 16).		\$17,415.00

CASH SUMMARY

18. Cash on hand (Lines 8 - 17)		\$0.00
Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.		
19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)		\$0.00
20. Balance (Lines 18 - 19)		\$0.00

I certify this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's name and date

Cathleen MacCaul - 08/02/2024

Schedule B: In-kind Contributions, Pledges, Orders, Debts and Obligations

1. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED:

Date Received	Contributor	Employer/Occupation	Description	Amount
04/30/2024	AARP Staff Time 18000 International Blvd , Seatac, WA 98188		Cathy MacCaul, Jason Erskine, Marguerite Ro, Christina Clem	Fair market value: \$1,620.00 Aggregate total (N): \$1,620.00
04/30/2024	AARP Washington Staff 18000 International Blvd , Seatac, WA 98188		Cathy MacCaul, Jason Erskine, Christina Clem, Marguerite Ro	Fair market value: \$1,625.00 Aggregate total (N): \$6,695.00
05/31/2024	AARP Washington Staff 18000 International Blvd , Seatac, WA 98188		Cathy MacCaul	Fair market value: \$390.00 Aggregate total (N): \$6,695.00
05/31/2024	AARP Washington Staff 18000 International Blvd , Seatac, WA 98188		Cathy MacCaul, Marguerite Ro, James D'Amanda, Jason Erskine, Christina Clem	Fair market value: \$1,105.00 Aggregate total (N): \$6,695.00
05/31/2024	AARP 18000 International Blvd , Seatac, WA 98188		Third Act Magazine May 2024 Edition Print and On-line	Fair market value: \$2,850.00 Aggregate total (N): \$9,100.00
07/31/2024	AARP Washington Staff 18000 International Blvd , Seatac, WA 98188		Marguerite Ro, Jason Erskine, Cathy MacCaul, Christina Clem, Bruce Carlson	Fair market value: \$3,575.00 Aggregate total (N): \$6,695.00
07/31/2024	AARP 18000 International Blvd , Seatac, WA 98188		KING 5 "New Day" July 17, TVW general long term care rotators during months	Fair market value: \$6,250.00 Aggregate total (N): \$9,100.00

2. PLEDGES RECEIVED BUT NOT YET PAID:

No pledges reported this period

3. ORDERS PLACED, DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS:

No debt reported this period