

Respondent Names

GREEN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES / Coordinated Campaign Committee

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

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Fri, 9 Aug 2024 at 2:04 PM

Description of Complaint

Per state law: "An out-of-state political committee, including political committees filing with the Federal Election Commission, is required to report when it makes a contribution or other expenditure of more than \$50 to or on behalf of a Washington state candidate or political committee. (RCW 42.17A.250)"

This committee appears to meet the criteria for being required to register as an out of state political committee.

Attached are two C3s which disclose contributions which appear to come from out-of-state Green Party entities. There is a Green Party of WA state but this complaint is not related to that. From what I have seen, the National Green Party has never filed a C5 with the PDC.

The first C3 attachment is relating to a 2024 donation to Andre Stackhouse from "Green Party of the United States Coordinated Campaign Committee". This appears to be a branch of the Green Party but from what I could tell they were not registered with the FEC under this name. Additionally, the CA address doesn't match the DC address on file with the FEC.

The second C3 attachment is relating to a 2023 donation to Margaret Justine Elisabeth made by "Green Party US". The address listed for this contribution matches the address on file with the National Green Party at the FEC. See attached. Interestingly, when I looked at the FEC form that covers disbursements over the month of July, this was not listed on their FEC reports, see link: <https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/C00370221/1723055/sb/ALL>

In light of the above, it appears that the Green Party was obligated to file a C5 as an out-of-state political committee but failed to do so.

See also attached evidence of the committee being registered with the FEC or other campaign finance authority.

Notice to Respondent

I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint.

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.

What are these shortcomings?

Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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.

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 committees 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.

GREEN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

● ACTIVE - MONTHLY


PARTY - NONQUALIFIED - UNAUTHORIZED

ID: C00370221


REGISTRATION DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2001

About this committee

TWO-YEAR PERIOD

2023-2024 

Committee information

Committee name:	GREEN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES
Mailing address:	P.O. BOX 75075 WASHINGTON, DC 20013
Treasurer:	STULLER, ROBERT
Committee type:	Party - Nonqualified
Committee designation:	Unauthorized
Statement of organization:	 Current version (PDF) FEC-1725218 Filed 09/14/2023

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Coordinated Campaign Committee

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The Coordinated Campaign Committee (CCC) is a standing committee of the GPUS that cooperates with state and local chapters in the support of federal, state, and local Green Party electoral campaigns through a variety of different programs and support functions.

Current Work

The Coordinated Campaign Committee (CCC) is currently engaged in the following work:

- Training for candidates and campaigns via [occasional webinars](#)
- Providing financial support to candidates through an [ongoing competitive process](#).

Our Mission

The Coordinated Campaign Committee (CCC) is a standing committee of the GPUS that cooperates with state and local parties in the coordination and support of federal, state, and local Green Party electoral campaigns. Specific functions of the CCC include:

- a. Tracking of Green Party candidates at all levels of government.
- b. Facilitation of discussions regarding electoral strategy among state parties.
- c. Identification of target communities and districts for national support.
- d. Support for candidate recruitment in targeted communities and districts.
- e. Volunteer, media, celebrity, and resource mobilization for specific candidacies in targeted communities and districts.
- f. Training and materials support for Green Party candidates and activists.
- g. Analysis of past campaigns for lessons learned.
- h. State-by-state tracking of ballot status and laws.
 - i. Publication and distribution of an annual call for candidates.
 - j. Organization of a Green Party campaign school.

In carrying out these specific functions, the Coordinated Campaign Committee shall consider the following priorities:

- i. Securing and maintaining state ballot lines.
- ii. Existing on-the-ground support for candidate.
- iii. Likelihood of winning.
- iv. Racial inclusion, diversity, and gender balance .
- v. Four Pillars and 10 Key Values of the Green Party.
- vi. Potential for Green Party growth in targeted area.
- vii. Past electoral success in targeted area.
- viii. Likelihood of gaining legislative majority or of securing an executive office.
- ix. Districts/States where incumbent is unopposed or only one other candidate has announced for office.
- x. Districts/States where Green candidates are likely to run at least second.
- xi. Districts/States where all other likely candidates are highly objectionable.
- xii. The Coordinated Campaign Committee is composed of 10 voting members drawn from affiliated state parties. CCC members are selected annually by the members of the Coordinating Committee, and may be members of that committee or of an affiliated state party; no state shall have in excess of one member on the CCC. Vacancies on the CCC are filled by the Steering Committee. The members of the CCC annually elect up to three co-chairs from among its members.

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regular voting members of the CCC.

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 PO Box 40908 Olympia, WA 98504-0908
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 Toll Free 1-800-601-2828

CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3

Margaret Justine Elisabeth (Margaret Elisabeth)
 Margaret for Seattle -
 2518 S Brandon Ct
 Seattle, WA 98108
 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
 CITY OF SEATTLE

Deposit date: 07/16/2023
 Report number: 110160282
 Submitted date: 07/18/2023

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received	Amount	Total
a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c)	\$0.00	\$0.00
c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
e. Small contributions	\$0.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$300.00

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
07/16/2023	Green Party US PO Box 75075 , Washington, DC 20013		\$300.00	N \$300.00

Date of deposit
 07/16/2023

I certify this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge
 Treasurer's signature and date
 Jeanne Legault - 07/18/2023



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CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3

Andre Stackhouse
 Public Stackhouse -
 PO Box
 Seattle, WA 98113
 GOVERNOR
 State of Washington

Deposit date: 07/23/2024
 Report number: 110234620
 Submitted date: 07/31/2024

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received	Amount	Total
a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c)	\$0.00	\$0.00
c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
e. Small contributions	\$0.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$1,350.00

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
07/23/2024	Green Party of Washington State PO Box 70493 , Seattle, WA 98127		\$450.00	Primary \$1,210.00
07/23/2024	Green Party of the United States Coordinated Campaign Committee 9424 Eton Ave unit e, , Chatsworth, CA 91311		\$900.00	Primary \$900.00

Date of deposit
 07/23/2024

I certify this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge
 Treasurer's signature and date
 Andre Stackhouse - 07/31/2024

Out-of-State Committees

A committee registered in another state or with the FEC faces reporting requirements for contributions or expenditures to state candidates or political committees.

Who Must Report

An out-of-state political committee, including political committees filing with the Federal Election Commission, is required to report when it makes a contribution or other expenditure of more than \$50 to or on behalf of a Washington state candidate or political committee. ([RCW 42.17A.250](#))

To file as an out-of-state political committee, all the criteria in (a) and (b) below must be satisfied:

(a) **Out-of-State.** First, the committee must be located out-of-state. It must be maintaining its office or headquarters in another U.S. state or the District of Columbia, and has no office, street address or corporate registered agent in Washington State. If there is no office or headquarters in another state or the District of Columbia, and no corporate registered agent in Washington State, the political committee is deemed out-of-state if its treasurer resides in another U.S. state or the District of Columbia.

(b) **Organizational Purpose and Campaign Activities.** Second, the committee must also be currently organized primarily for engaging in campaign activities in another state. The political committee may be described in other states as a political committee, political action committee (PAC), group (Alaska) or similar terms to describe a committee. Therefore, to qualify as a current out-of-state committee, the committee must also:

(i) Be currently registered and actively filing campaign disclosure reports in one or more other states and has been so filing for the preceding two years; and,

(ii) Have organizational documents showing it was originally formed and is currently organized for the purpose of making expenditures in another state or soliciting contributions for use in another state's election campaigns; and,

(iii) Have spent less than 20 percent of its aggregate expenditures for all political campaign activity nationwide at any point in any calendar year to support and/or oppose Washington candidates for state, local and judicial office, Washington ballot measures and/or Washington political committees.

A committee that does **not** satisfy the criteria in sections (a) and (b) above shall file as an in-state committee under RCW 42.17A, including RCW 42.17A.205 – RCW 42.17A.240.

Out-of-state political committees reporting under RCW 42.17A.250 are also subject to reporting pursuant to RCW 42.17A.260 (political advertising independent expenditures) and 42.17A.305 through 42.17A.315 (electioneering communications).

If the federal committee is located in Washington state, a C-5 would not be required if it contributes to a state candidate.

When to Report

A C-5 report is due no later than the 10th day of the month following any month in which a contribution or other expenditure of more than \$50 is made to or on behalf of a Washington state candidate or political committee.

After filing an initial C-5 report, subsequent reports during the same calendar year shall be filed updating or amending the information previously reported. These follow-up reports are also due no later than the 10th day of the month following any month in which an additional contribution or other expenditure of more than \$50 is made. The C-5 report is considered filed as of the postmark date.



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