Respondent Name

Rob Laymon

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

<u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal

(Wed, 11 Sep 2024 at 12:42 AM)

Description of Complaint

Candidate failed to timely file the post-primary C4, see attached.

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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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



Rob Laymon

Candidate for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for THURSTON CO in the 2024 election.

<u>Overview</u>	Contributions	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Debts</u>	<u>Loans</u>
Independent Expenditures					

Candidate Overview

Registered June 10, 2024

Party: NONE

- 11530 School Land Rd SW Rochester, 98579
- <u>laymonforthurstoncommissioner@gmail.com</u>

Candidacy Status

- → Candidate registered (6/10/2024)
- → Candidate declared (5/10/2024)
- → Qualified for general

Financial Overview

\$0.00

Candidate Reports and Forms

Registration Form

Financial Affairs Report

Surplus Funds Account

Contributors and Vendors Map

Made to candidate for 2024

Contributions

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

Contributions made to candidate for 2024

Self

\$1,495.60

Individual

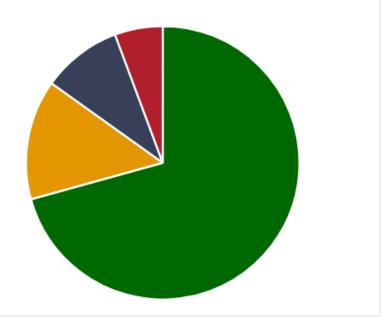
\$300.00

Business

\$200.00

Other

\$120.00



Made by candidate for 2024

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 2024

Inkind contribution \$1,395.60

Candidates Filed for this Position Search: Show 10 ✓ entries * declared candidates (eligible for election) **Candidate ♦** Contributions **▼** Expenditures **♦ Wayne Fournier** ★ \$15,806.00 \$9,411.91 Rob Laymon * \$1,395.60 \$2,115.60 Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries **Previous** 1 Next

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.

Incurred 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.

Show 25 ✓ entries

Download 6 rows as CSV.

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07/16/2024 - 07/29/2024	110234785	07/31/2024	<u>View</u> <u>Report</u>	C4	2024
06/04/2024 - 06/04/2024	110221305	06/10/2024	<u>View</u> <u>Report</u>	C3	2024
06/01/2024 - 07/15/2024	110234786	07/31/2024	<u>View</u> <u>Report</u>	C4	2024
05/10/2024 - 05/31/2024	110221319 Amende by: 110234784	d 06/10/2024	<u>View</u> <u>Report</u>	C4	2024

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