

Respondent Name
Rob Laymon
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Thu, 11 Dec 2024 at 5:06 PM) Description of Complaint See attached complaint. Notice to Respondent I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint. The chance that you will actually be fined for the violations identified above is extremely small because the agency is averse to doing the work necessary to bring cases to hearings. Most likely this case – and any future cases against you – will simply be dismissed by staff. 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 Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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 the regulated community 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. “I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.” — Angela Davis
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
See complaint. The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing disclosure requirements. The agency’s failure to actively monitor compliance with these requirements and enforce them damages both the public and members of the regulated community.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
See complaint and also PDC website.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
See complaint and also 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.

Overview	Contributions	Expenditures	Pledges	Debts	Loans	Independent Expenditures
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Candidate Overview

Registered June 10, 2024
Party: NONE

11530 School Land Rd SW
Rochester, Washington 98579

laymonforthurstoncommissioner@gmail.com

Candidacy Status

- ↳ Candidate registered (6/10/2024)
- ↳ Candidate declared (5/10/2024)
- ↳ Qualified for general
- ↳ Lost in general

Financial Overview

\$0.00	+	\$2,615.60	+	\$0.00	=	\$2,615.60
Starting balance		Contributions		Loans		Total raised
\$2,311.60				\$0.00		\$0.00
Total spent				Pledges		Debt
\$0.00						\$0.00
Independent expenditures for						Independent expenditures against

Candidate Reports and Forms

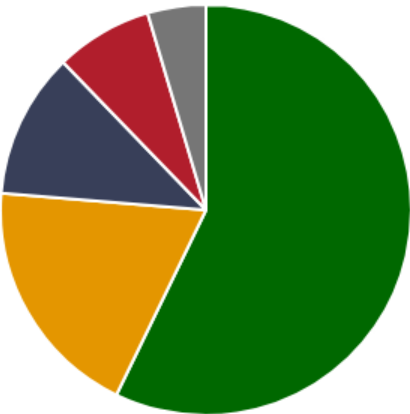
- [Registration Form](#)
- [Financial Affairs Report](#)
- [Surplus Funds Account](#)
- [Contributors and Vendors Map](#)

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
- Party
\$500.00
- Individual
\$300.00
- Business
\$200.00
- Other
\$120.00



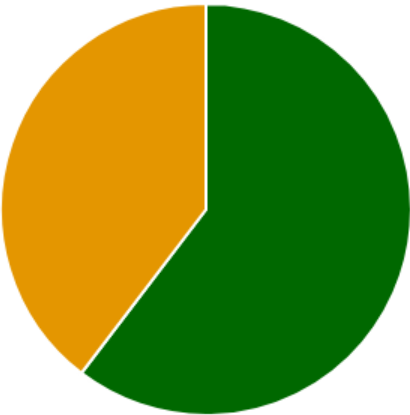
Made by candidate for 2024
Expenditures

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

Campaign merchandise/paraphernalia
\$916.00



Candidates Filed for this Position

Show 10 entries Search:

* declared candidates (eligible for election)

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
Wayne Fournier *	\$21,801.00	\$12,810.31
Rob Laymon *	\$2,615.60	\$2,311.60

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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

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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
10/15/2024 - 10/28/2024	110256528	10/29/2024	View Report	C4	2024
09/24/2024 - 09/24/2024	110250256	10/08/2024	View Report	C3	2024
09/01/2024 - 10/14/2024	110250257	10/08/2024	View Report	C4	2024
08/16/2024 - 08/16/2024	110240115	08/26/2024	View Report	C3	2024
07/30/2024 - 08/31/2024	110244798	09/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
07/16/2024 - 07/29/2024	110234785	07/31/2024	View Report	C4	2024
06/04/2024 - 06/04/2024	110221305	06/10/2024	View Report	C3	2024
06/01/2024 - 07/15/2024	110234786	07/31/2024	View Report	C4	2024
05/10/2024 - 05/31/2024	110221319 Amended by: 110234784	06/10/2024	View Report	C4	2024
05/10/2024 - 05/31/2024	110234784	07/31/2024	View Report	C4 - Amended	2024

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Itemized Expenditures

\$2,311.60

Shown below are the campaign’s expenditures. Small expenses may be grouped together and reported as one sum. Donated goods and services (known as in-kind contributions) also appear here as expenditures, with the contributor listed in the recipient column.

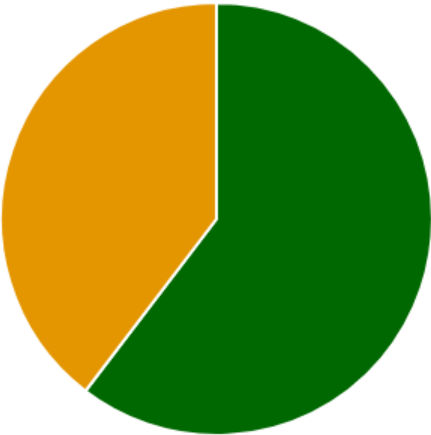
Expenditures by Expense Type

Inkind contribution

\$1,395.60

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\$916.00



Results for:

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Recipient Name

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Recipient	Date	Description	Recipient City	Recipient State	Amount	Report
Capitol City Press	09/30/2024	Signs	Tumwater	WA	\$916.00	View Report
Rob Laymon	05/10/2024	Filing fees			\$1,395.60	View Report

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Complaint Against: Rob Laymon

Submitted: 12/11/24

Notice to Respondent Due By: 12/21/24 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 3/11/25 per RCW 42.17A.755(3)

Statutes Violated: RCW 42.17A.235, .240

Background

Washington State's Campaign Finance Disclosure Law

One of the primary purposes of the public disclosure law is to provide citizens of this state, and especially voters, with the means for becoming informed about the financing of political campaigns.¹ The public disclosure law was enacted through voter approval of Initiative 276 in 1972.

State law requires candidates and committees that register under full reporting to submit regular reports of financial activity. Those reports are filed on schedules outlined on the PDC's key reporting dates calendar.²

Violations

This candidate failed to timely file the post-general C4 report, which was due on 12/10/24.

See link, and attached: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/news-events/events/2023-12/post-election-c-4-due>

Mr. Laymon also failed to disclose the quantity of SIGNS that he purchased. See attached. I'm sure that in the eyes of PDC staff this is a grave violation of the public's right to know about what goes on in political campaigns.

Conclusion

I urge the PDC staff to take quick action and resolve the noncompliance identified in this complaint.

Best,

/s/

Conner Edwards
(425) 533-1677 cell

¹ <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics>

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