

Respondent Name

Kent Firefighters, IAFF Local 1747 PAC Sponsored by Kent Firefighters Local 1747

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

[Conner Edwards](#) reported via the portal
(Fri, 13 Sep 2024 at 9:23 PM)

Description of Complaint

This committee participated in the primary election because it made a contribution to a legislative candidate on the primary ballot as well as a political committee making IEs for a primary election statewide candidate.

As such, it was obligated to file weekly C3s and the 21 day C4, 7 day C4, and post primary C4.

This C3 was required to be filed before the election but wasn't filed until well after, see link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110242452>

Additionally, the committee has listed the majority of the contributors on that C3 as having addresses at "PO Box 954" in Kent and has not listed the complete names of many contributors.

The committee also failed to timely file a 21-day C4, see attached list of reports.

A committee related to this committee has previously received a warning letter, see attached: <https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/5959/139251%20Vote%20Yes%20on%20Proposition%20One%20Sponsored%20by%20Kent%20Firefighters%20IAFF%20Local%201747%20Complaint%20Return%20Letter.pdf>

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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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

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Committee Information

Registration

August 10, 2001

Treasurer

Terry McCartin
1012 E. Hemlock St.
Kent, WA, 72883
(206)799-5483

Political Committee Type

Continuing Committee (Union)

Jurisdiction

None reported.

Committee Address

1012 E. Hemlock St.
Kent, WA 72883

Phone

(206)799-5483

Email

tj592004@yahoo.com

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance

\$38,288.08

Contributions Amount

\$23,187.40

Loans Amount

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$61,475.48

Expenditures

\$17,700.00

Pledges

\$0.00

Debts

\$0.00

Made to committee for 2024

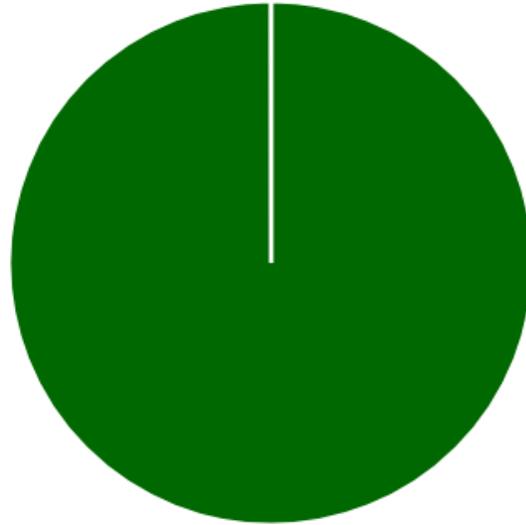
Contributions

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

Contributions made to committee for 2024

Individual
\$23,183.40

Other
\$4.00



Made by committee for 2024

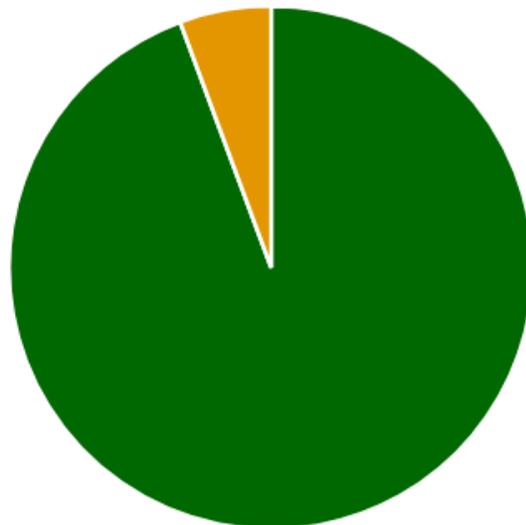
Expenditures

See how the committee has spent money, and what kind of goods and services it received as in-kind contributions.

Expenditures made by committee for 2024

Monetary contributions to PAC...
\$16,700.00

Charity
\$1,000.00



Made to committee

Loans

See loans received, forgiven or paid by the campaign.

\$0.00

Held by committee

Debts

See the campaign's debt reporting history.

\$0.00

Campaign Finance Reports

See the reports filed by the committee. Reports with a strikethrough were amended by another report.

Show entries

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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
08/30/2024 - 08/30/2024	110242755	09/07/2024	View Report	C3	2024
08/15/2024 - 08/15/2024	110242546	09/06/2024	View Report	C3	2024
08/01/2024 - 08/01/2024	110242452	09/05/2024	View Report	C3	2024

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024	110242756	09/07/2024	View Report	C4	2024
07/30/2024 - 07/30/2024	110234005	07/30/2024	View Report	C3	2024
07/22/2024 - 07/22/2024	110232166	07/23/2024	View Report	C3	2024
07/01/2024 - 07/01/2024	110231556	07/22/2024	View Report	C3	2024
07/01/2024 - 07/31/2024	110234007	07/30/2024	View Report	C4	2024
06/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	110228833	07/13/2024	View Report	C4	2024
05/01/2024 - 05/31/2024	110222101	06/10/2024	View Report	C4	2024
04/01/2024 - 04/30/2024	110215201	05/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
03/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	110210047	04/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024
02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024	110204258	03/10/2024	View Report	C4	2024
01/30/2024 - 01/30/2024	110200951	02/11/2024	View Report	C3	2024
01/15/2024 - 01/15/2024	110200045	02/06/2024	View Report	C3	2024

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
01/02/2024 - 01/02/2024	110198048	01/16/2024	View Report	C3	2024
01/01/2024 - 01/31/2024	110200952	02/11/2024	View Report	C4	2024

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Itemized Expenditures

\$17,700.00

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.

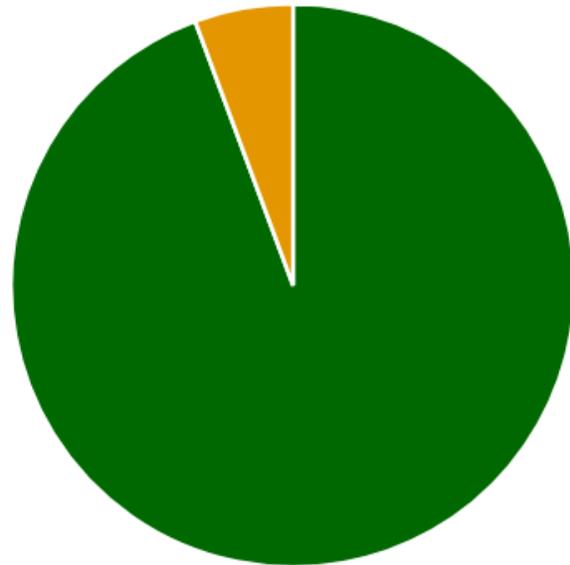
Expenditures by Expense Type

Monetary contributions to PAC...

\$16,700.00

Charity

\$1,000.00



More About this Committee:

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Recipient Name

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Recipient	Date	Description	Recipient City	Recipient State	Amount	Report
BRONOSKE DAN	07/01/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	PUYALLUP	WA	\$1,200.00	<u>View Report</u>

Recipient ^	Date v	Description d	Recipient City d	Recipient State d	Amount d	Report d
Citizens For Tukwila Schools	01/15/2024	Charity	Tukwila	WA	\$1,000.00	View Report
Firefighters for Protecting Public Lands	07/03/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Olympia	WA	\$15,000.00	View Report
FLEMENS AUSTIN	07/01/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Wenatchee	WA	\$500.00	View Report

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