

Respondent Name

John Cale IV

Complainant Name

Conner Edwards

Complaint Description

[Conner Edwards](#) reported via the portal
(Thu, 3 Oct 2024 at 2:47 PM)

Description of Complaint

Filing complaint per PDC staff's request, see below and attached.

Hello:

I wanted to reach out because I've noticed something else about Mr. Edward Cale IV's campaign.

First, it appears his campaign failed to include a "paid for by" statement on his website, see link: <https://sites.google.com/view/edwardcale4washingtongovernor/home>

Second, his website, he writes that: " \$1,982.57 was raised, indirectly, thanks to generous support! " . He also had a link to a GoFundMe page which has now been taken down.

Yet, on his C4 covering the relevant time period (<https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110213142>) he lists that the filing fee was paid for by himself. It appears that he failed to disclose the people who donated this money to him.

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 will simply be dismissed by staff with a so-called "warning letter".

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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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

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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.



Vote

Edward Cale IV

for Washington State Governor 2024

(Prefers Democratic Party)

DONATE - GO FUND ME

Help raise \$1800 to get on the ballot!

\$1,982.57 was raised, indirectly, thanks to generous support!

That money went directly to registering as a candidate for Governor in the State of Washington for the Primary, and if won by the people, for the General Election.

If you would like to donate additional funds use the link above.

Disclaimer: I do not accept money from anyone who violates policies I outline as paramount or from sources that are illegal/unlawful. I also do not waiver from those policies or the people's right to vote and participate, regardless of political affiliation, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic background/race/color, marital status, national origin, disability, age, parenthood status, and etc.

Areas of focus

Online program for the people of Washington State to vote and participate in government systematically.

Education

Forgive/cancel student loans for students who previously took out government financial aid. Future students that attend a state government funded school will receive free to affordable tuition and repayment with no interest on loans. Require that new reporting laws for acceptance, drop out, incompleteness, failure, and graduation rates be made transparent to the public. This applies to all degree programs and levels for all schools of any sector. Require schools receiving government funding and formally FASFA to meet minimum graduation rates of 95%.

Equality

Implement new laws that require gender equality for all government funded programs, departments, and institutions.

Washington State Bank

Launch an electronic banking/lending system at the state level of government that brokers to privatized banks.

Immigration and Residency

Implement new laws that prioritize native and current residents over immigrants and new residents.

Construction/Business/Housing

Implement new laws that require construction in an equitable manner for all socioeconomic brackets and sectors of the market.

Welfare & disability

Abolish child support and implement gender equitable laws that support government welfare programs and institutions that are fair for all and utilize a step system. Make Washington State a joint custody state by mandating joint custody as a norm. Construction of welfare programs and homes that provide equity, a step system, and a way out of poverty. Institute a 4 phase program for rehabilitation, job training, mentorship, housing, lifting people out of poverty and out of the welfare system.

Medical and Child Care

Implement medical care, prescriptions, and child care that is fair for all socioeconomic levels of society.

Incarceration, Policing, Homelessness, Government, and Community Service

Jails, prisons, corrections, detention centers, and probation reform. Implement wrap around/holistic programs that utilize a step system that supports the community and eliminates massive incarceration.

Taxes

Tax incentives for businesses who need assistance while adopting better policies for employee retirement, i.e. up to 10% employer matched contributions.

Government Reporting and Transparency

All systems and system related data will be made transparent on a quarterly and yearly basis and accessible to the public on the Freedom Project's website.

Take action

[Washington State Public Disclosure Commission information](#)

EdwardCale4WashingtonGovernor@Gmail.com | (206) 532-1994

Re: PDC - File a Formal Complaint - Conner Edwards

PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cg.edwards53@gmail.com

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 9:21 AM

Conner Edwards,

Please file a new complaint regarding the matter you are describing. Have a great day.

PDC Staff
Public Disclosure Commission
[PDC@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov)
360-753-1111



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On Wed, 2 Oct at 3:35 PM , Conner Edwards <cg.edwards53@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

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Do I need to file a new complaint to have these allegations addressed or can they be addressed as part of this existing complaint?

-Conner

On Fri, Sep 27, 2024 at 1:59 PM PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Dear Conner Edwards,

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has received your complaint against Edward Cale IV (the "Respondent") and we are investigating the allegation(s) under PDC Case . Please reference this case number on any future communications with the PDC regarding this complaint and monitor this email for future messages.

For more information about the enforcement process, please see our [Enforcement Guide](#).

Your complaint is posted to the [Enforcement Cases](#) page of our website. The Respondent's written response to the complaint, once received, will also be posted to this web page. Please note that all written communications with the PDC are subject to future public records requests, unless specifically exempted by [RCW 42.56](#). We will reach out to you *at this email address* when there are updates to this case. However, there is also a subscription feature available from each case record on our [Enforcement Cases](#) page by which you can subscribe to be notified of any changes to the content posted online.

Thank you.

PDC Staff
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On Wed, 11 Sep at 12:35 AM , Conner Edwards <cg.edwards53@gmail.com> wrote:

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

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Best,

Conner Edwards
(425) 533-1677 cell