

Respondent Name
UA Local 32 PIPE PAC
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Wed, 11 Dec 2024 at 8:48 PM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>See attached complaint.</p> <p>Notice to Respondent</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What are these shortcomings?</p> <p>Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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/</p> <p>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.</p> <p>“I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.” — Angela Davis</p>
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.



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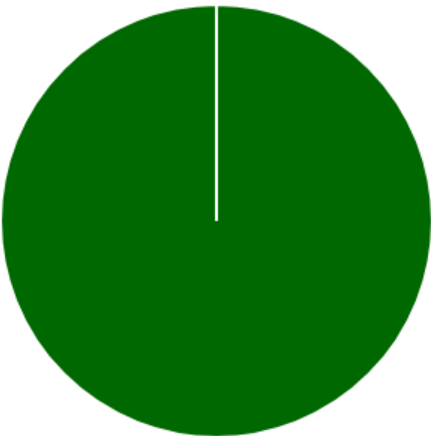
Itemized Expenditures

\$20,250.00

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...
\$20,250.00



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Recipient	Date	Description	Recipient City	Recipient State	Amount	Report
Bob Hasegawa for State Senator	03/15/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Chapman for Senate	06/14/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Port Angeles	WA	\$2,400.00	View Report
Chris for Washington	09/12/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Citizens For Steve Bergquist	03/15/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Renton	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Elect Adam Bernbaum	05/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Port Angeles	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Elect Deken Letinich	06/14/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Vancouver	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
ELECT JAMILA TAYLOR	04/12/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	FEDERAL WAY	WA	\$500.00	View Report
EMILY ALVARADO FOR WA	04/12/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	SEATTLE	WA	\$250.00	View Report
Ferguson for Governor	09/12/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$2,400.00	View Report
Friends for Andrea Suarez	07/19/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
Friends for Sam Low	05/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Lake Stevens	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report

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Friends of Chipalo Street	08/15/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Friends of Davina Duerr	06/14/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$250.00	View Report
Friends of Joe Fitzgibbon	07/19/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Burien	WA	\$250.00	View Report
Friends of Julia Reed	06/14/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
FRIENDS OF LISA CALLAN	04/12/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	ISSAQUAH	WA	\$500.00	View Report
Friends of Mary Fosse	08/15/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Everett	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
Friends of Tina Orwall	05/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$250.00	View Report
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Hackney for the 11th	03/15/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
KDL FOR LD5 (D)	04/12/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	BLACK DIAMOND	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
Nick Brown for Attorney General	05/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
People for Heather Koellen	10/10/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	North Bend	WA	\$1,200.00	View Report
People for Pellicciotti	03/15/2024	Monetary contributions to PAC or candidate	Seattle	WA	\$500.00	View Report
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Committee Overview

Registered May 3, 2021

Other

Treasurer is Shannon Thomson

Committee Contact

597 Monster Rd SW

Renton, WA 98057

kurt@ualocal32.com

425-277-6680

Financial Overview

\$75,373.78

Starting balance

+

\$50,550.00

Contributions

+

\$0.00

Loans

=

\$125,923.78

Total raised

\$20,250.00

Total spent

\$0.00

Pledges

\$0.00

Debt

Committee Reports and Forms

- Registration Form
- Contributors and Vendors Map

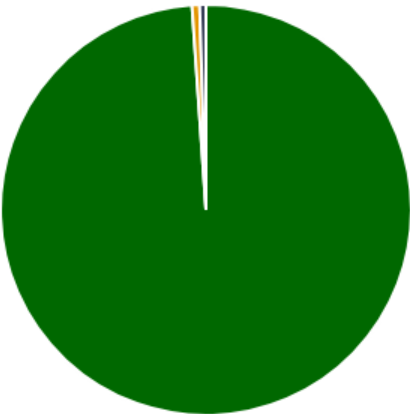
Made to committee for 2024

Contributions

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

Contributions made to committee for 2024

- Business
\$50,000.00
- Individual
\$300.00
- Other
\$250.00



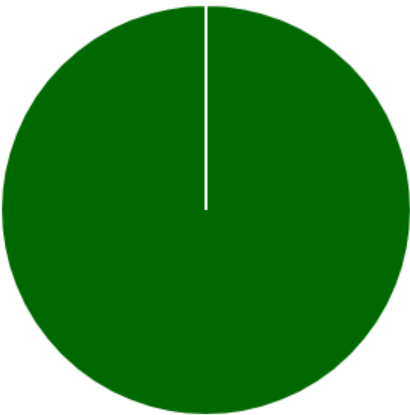
Made by committee for 2024

Expenditures

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

Expenditures made by candidate for 2024

- Monetary contributions to PAC...
- \$20,250.00



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.

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10/01/2024 - 10/31/2024	110253238	10/16/2024	View Report	C4	2024
09/01/2024 - 09/30/2024	110247982	09/30/2024	View Report	C4	2024
08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024	110241625 Amended by: 110241846	09/03/2024	View Report	C4	2024
08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024	110241846	09/03/2024	View Report	C4 - Amended	2024
07/15/2024 - 07/15/2024	110241808	09/03/2024	View Report	C3	2024
07/01/2024 - 07/31/2024	110236899 Amended by: 110241811	08/08/2024	View Report	C4	2024
07/01/2024 - 07/31/2024	110241811	09/03/2024	View Report	C4 - Amended	2024
06/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	110228177	07/10/2024	View Report	C4	2024
05/23/2024 - 05/23/2024	110221271	06/10/2024	View Report	C3	2024
05/01/2024 - 05/31/2024	110221273	06/10/2024	View Report	C4	2024
04/01/2024 - 04/30/2024	110212115	05/03/2024	View Report	C4	2024
03/15/2024 - 03/15/2024	110217341	05/31/2024	View Report	C3	2024
03/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	110208297	04/08/2024	View Report	C4	2024

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
02/12/2024 - 02/12/2024	110201409	02/12/2024	View Report	C3	2024
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Complaint Against: UA Local 32 PIPE PAC

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 committee has previously received a warning letter for failure to timely/accurately file reports, see link: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/rules-enforcement/enforcement/enforcement-cases/157538>

This committee 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>

This committee contributed to numerous political candidates/committees that appeared on the general election ballot and thus was required to file the post-general C4 report regardless of the level of activity. See attached.

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>

² <https://pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics/key-dates-2024>

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