

Respondent Name
Josh Kurcinka
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Wed, 21 Aug 2024 at 12:05 PM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>This candidate has previously received a warning letter, see link: https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6297/144583%20Kurcinka_Josh%20Complaint%20Return%20Letter%20%28combined%29.pdf</p> <p>On this committee's most recent C4, the committee indicated a negative cash on hand balance of -\$1,556.72, see link: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110192642</p> <p>This suggests that the committee has failed to properly disclose/report expenditures or contributions.</p> <p>Notice to Respondent</p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint.</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Overcomplicated and outdated requirements that are difficult to understand and comply with.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 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.</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>“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” — Mahatma Gandhi</p>
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.

Josh Kurcinka

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL MEMBER for CITY OF KENMORE in the 2023 election.

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Candidate Overview

Registered May 21, 2023

📍 6242 NE 182nd St Kenmore, 98028

✉ kurcinkaforkenmore@gmail.com

Candidacy Status

- ↳ Candidate registered (5/21/2023)
- ↳ Candidate declared (5/15/2023)
- ↳ Qualified for general
- ↳ Lost in general

Financial Overview

\$0.00 + **\$4,100.04** + **\$45.00** = **\$4,145.04**
Starting balance Contributions Loans Total raised

\$5,701.76 **\$0.00** **\$0.00**
Total spent Pledges Debt

\$0.00 **\$0.00**
Independent expenditures for Independent expenditures against

Candidate Reports and Forms

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Made to candidate for 2023

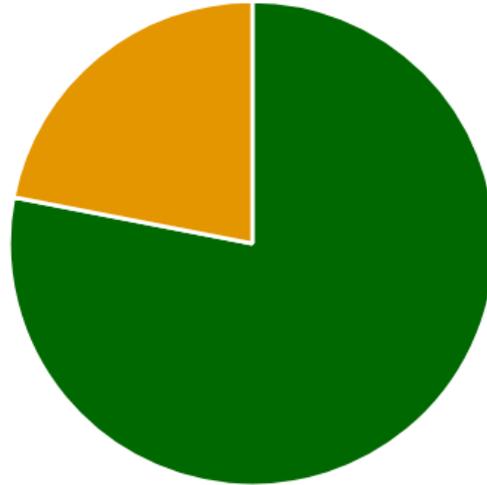
Contributions

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

Contributions made to candidate for 2023

Individual
\$3,200.04

Other
\$900.00



Made by candidate for 2023 Expenditures

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

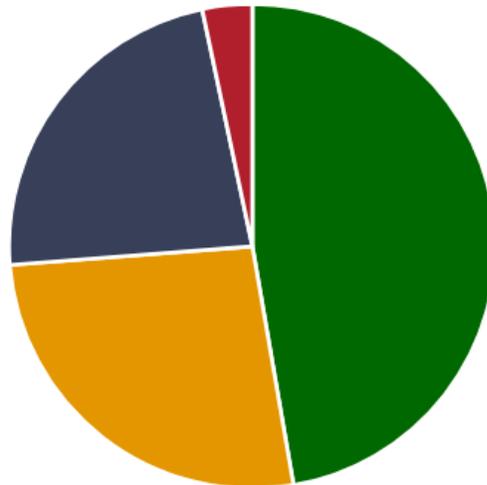
Expenditures made by candidate for 2023

Postage costs, mail permits, ...
\$2,696.44

Printing literature, fliers, ...
\$1,509.96

Printing campaign signs
\$1,306.67

Not Provided
\$188.69



Candidates Filed for this Position

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* declared candidates (eligible for election)

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
<u>Valerie Sasson</u> *	\$6,685.00	\$7,445.35
<u>Josh Kurcinka</u> *	\$4,100.04	\$5,701.76

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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.

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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
10/31/2023 - 11/30/2023	110192642	12/11/2023	View Report	C4	2023
10/27/2023 - 10/27/2023	110184674	10/30/2023	View Report	C3	2023
10/19/2023 - 10/19/2023	110183876	10/27/2023	View Report	C3	2023
10/17/2023 - 10/30/2023	110185665	10/31/2023	View Report	C4	2023
09/01/2023 - 10/16/2023	110181733	10/18/2023	View Report	C4	2023

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08/31/2023 - 08/31/2023	110170214	09/05/2023	View Report	C3	2023
08/01/2023 - 08/31/2023	110171775	09/11/2023	View Report	C4	2023
07/27/2023 - 07/27/2023	110162979	07/31/2023	View Report	C3	2023
07/11/2023 - 07/11/2023	110159214	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
07/01/2023 - 07/31/2023	110159221 Amended by: 110165688	07/12/2023	View Report	C4	2023
07/01/2023 - 07/31/2023	110165688	08/10/2023	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
06/24/2023 - 06/24/2023	110159213	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
06/17/2023 - 06/17/2023	110159212	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
06/16/2023 - 06/16/2023	110159211	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
06/13/2023 - 06/13/2023	110159208	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
06/06/2023 - 06/06/2023	110159205 Amended by: 110159427	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
06/06/2023 - 06/06/2023	110159427	07/14/2023	View Report	C3 - Amended	2023

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06/02/2023 - 06/02/2023	110159194	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
06/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	110159222 Amended by: 110159431	07/12/2023	View Report	C4	2023
06/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	110159431	07/14/2023	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
05/30/2023 - 05/30/2023	110159193	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
05/26/2023 - 05/26/2023	110159191	07/12/2023	View Report	C3	2023
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05/23/2023 - 05/31/2023	110159218 Amended by: 110159430	07/12/2023	View Report	C4	2023
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