

Respondent Name
Bill Campbell
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
Conner Edwards reported via the portal <i>(Wed, 30 Jul 2025 at 12:57 PM)</i> See complaint & PDC website.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
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. 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.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
See complaint & PDC website.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
See complaint & 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.

Complaint Against: Bill Campbell

Submitted: 7/30/2025

Notice to Respondent Due By: 8/9/2025 per WAC 390-37-050(1)

90 Day Initial Hearing Deadline: 10/28/2025 per RCW 42.17A.755(3)

Statutes Violated: RCW 42.17A.235, .240, .320,

Background

Washington State's Campaign Finance Disclosure Law

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Violations

The period of this report covering the 21-day pre-election period was submitted 14 days late, see link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110303438>

The sole expenditure reported does not disclose sub-vendors.

The \$1000 deposit was disclosed 57 days late, see link:

<https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110303434>

Additionally, no expenditure/in-kind for a filing fee has been reported.

Additionally, on the candidate's website, there is no sponsor ID statement, see link:

<https://www.billforseattle.com/home>

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>

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 over one thousand complaints 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.

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

Bill Campbell

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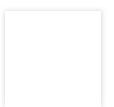
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ABOUT BILL CAMPBELL

Bringing Experience to Serve Seattle

Bill Campbell is dedicated to empowering change, improving transparency, and instilling responsibility in our schools. His passion for education and commitment to the community drive his vision for a better Seattle. Click here to add your own text and edit me if you wish.

Just click "Edit Text" or double click me to add your own content and make changes to the font. Feel free to drag and drop me anywhere you like on your page. I'm a great place for you to tell a story and let your supporters know a little more about Bill Campbell.

This is a great space to write a long text about Bill's vision and his plans for Seattle. You can use this space to go into a little more detail about his policies and how he aims to make a difference. Share the story of his journey and what sets him apart. Make Bill stand out and show the voters who he is.

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