

Respondent Names
Citizens for Liberty and Labor
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<u>Conner Edwards</u> reported via the portal <i>(Sat, 18 Oct 2025 at 11:46 AM)</i> See attached complaint.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
See complaint
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
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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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Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director
Public Disclosure Commission
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Filed Electronically

RE: Complaint re: Violations of RCW 42.17A.320 & RCW 42.17A.435 by Eastern Washington Freedom For All PAC

Dear Executive Director Lavalley:

I am writing on behalf of Spokane resident Larry Andrews to call your attention to apparent violations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) by the political committee Eastern Washington Freedom For All PAC.

On October 16, 2025, Mr. Andrews received a political mailer attacking Spokane City Councilmember Jonathan Bingle. The political mailer contained the following sponsor ID statement. A copy of the mailer is appended to this complaint.

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A review of records on the PDC's website shows that the sponsor identification information provided on this mailer is false.

First, the committee Citizens for Liberty and Labor is no longer active. The committee filed a final report for 2024 on January 9, 2025.¹ On their final report, the committee's treasurer wrote: "Final Report - Committee is closing and will not continue to 2025" in the report's text

¹ <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110267130>

attachment field. The committee's final report also indicates that the committee had drawn its bank account balance to zero. The committee has filed no reports covering 2025.²

Second, a query of the PDC's independent disclosure database indicates that only a single independent expenditure has been reported against Councilmember Bingle.³ Based on the timing of this reported independent expenditure, we believe that Eastern Washington Freedom for All PAC is the true sponsor of the mailer that was sent out.

The disclosure of sponsor identification information is required by RCW 42.17A.320(1)-(2). Additionally, RCW 42.17A.435 prohibits political committees from concealing the sources of contributions and expenditures.

Eastern Washington Freedom For All PAC violated both the letter and spirit of our state's campaign finance disclosure laws.

Concealing the true name of the committee that sponsored the communication made it virtually impossible for the average voter to "follow the money" that was actually used to pay for the communication in question.

Additionally, the false sponsor ID statement used by the respondent had a separate misleading effect on voters. The statement implied that AFSCME and the Spokane Firefighters Union were opposing Councilmember Bingle's re-election campaign. In fact, these organizations have endorsed Councilmember Bingle for re-election.

For the reasons described above, we urge the PDC to expeditiously investigate this matter and impose the most severe penalties available under state law.

Sincerely,

/s/ Conner Edwards

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² <https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/committees/co-2025-3342>

³ <https://web.pdc.wa.gov/rptimg/default.aspx?batchnumber=C6-13401>

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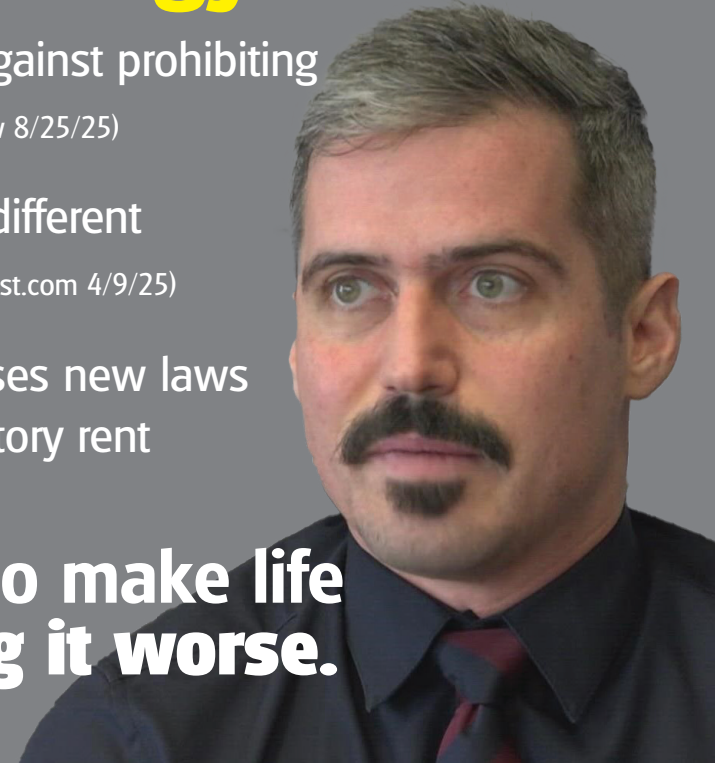
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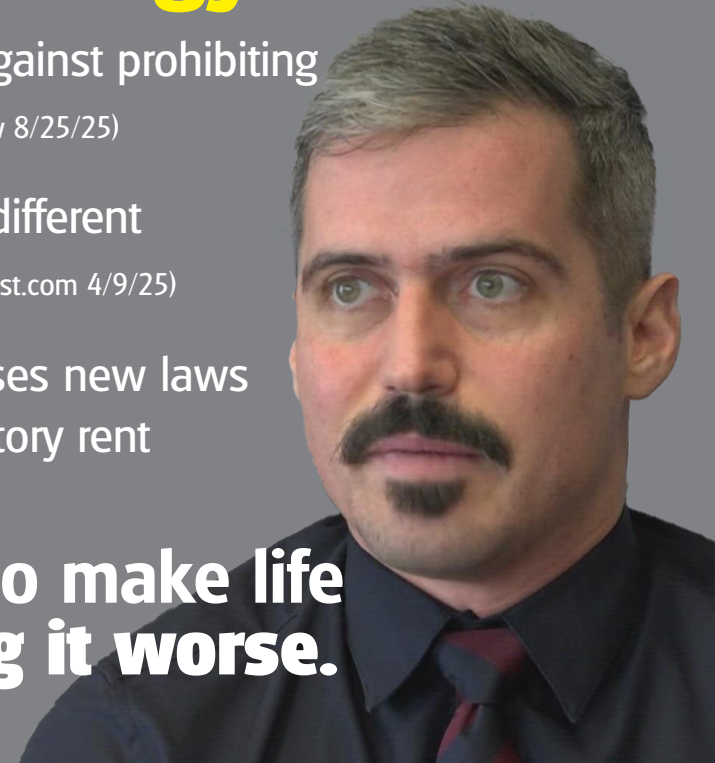
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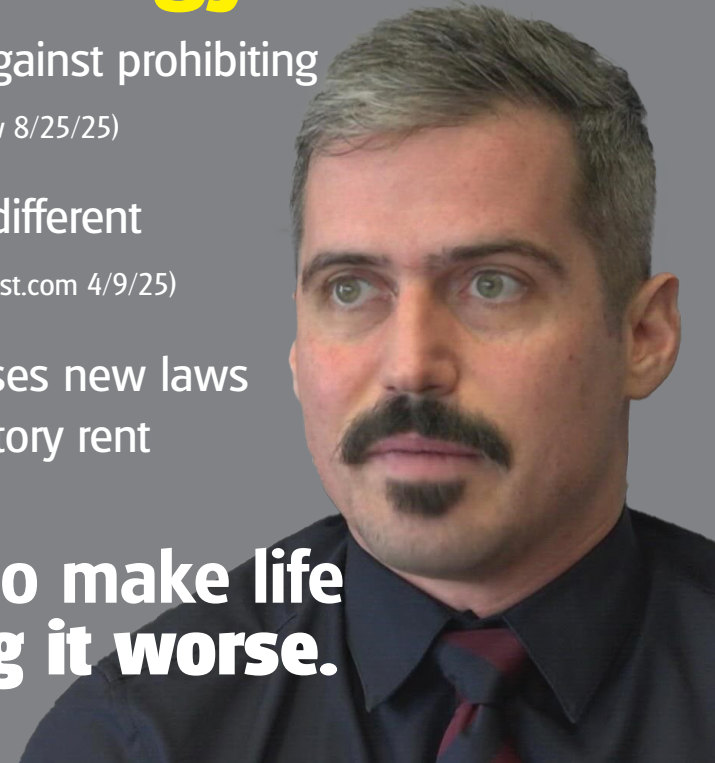
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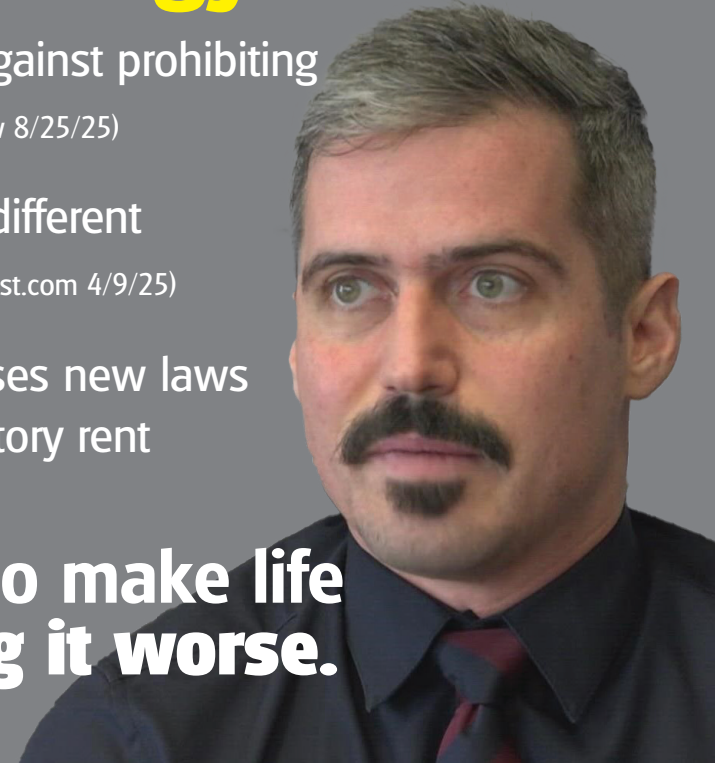
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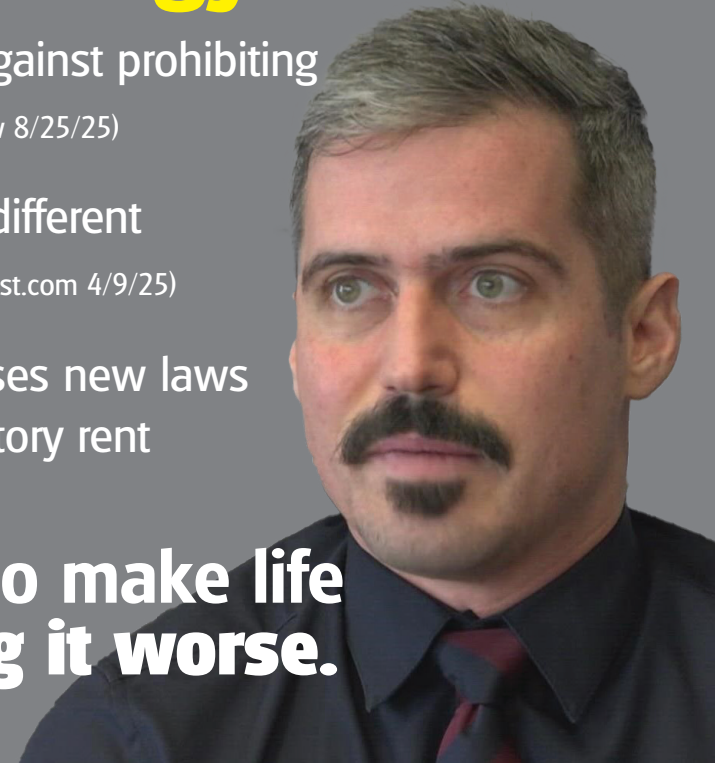
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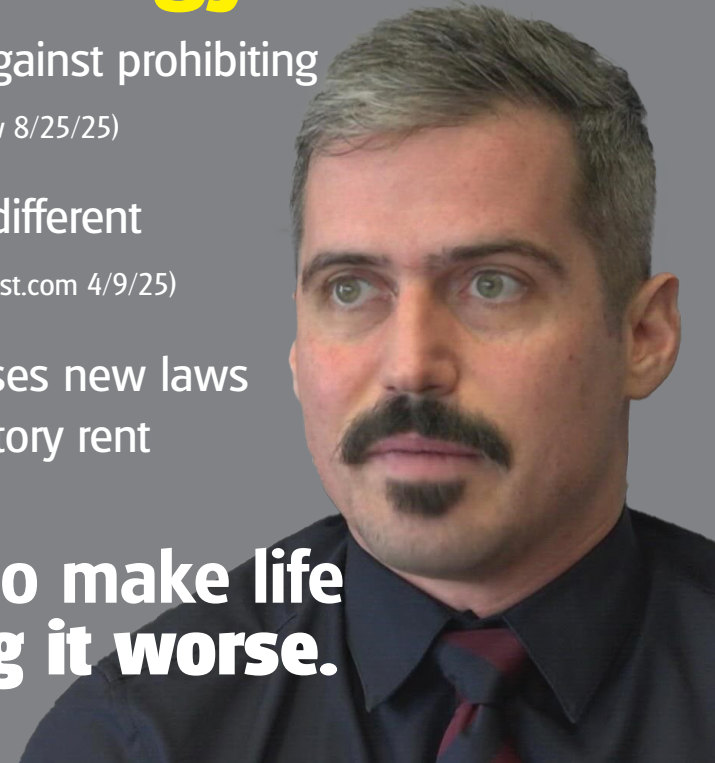
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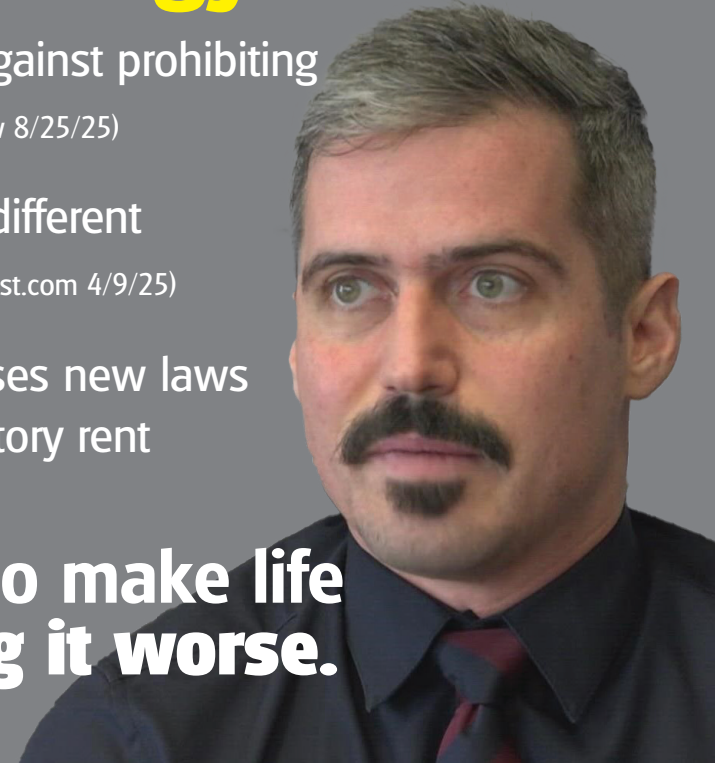
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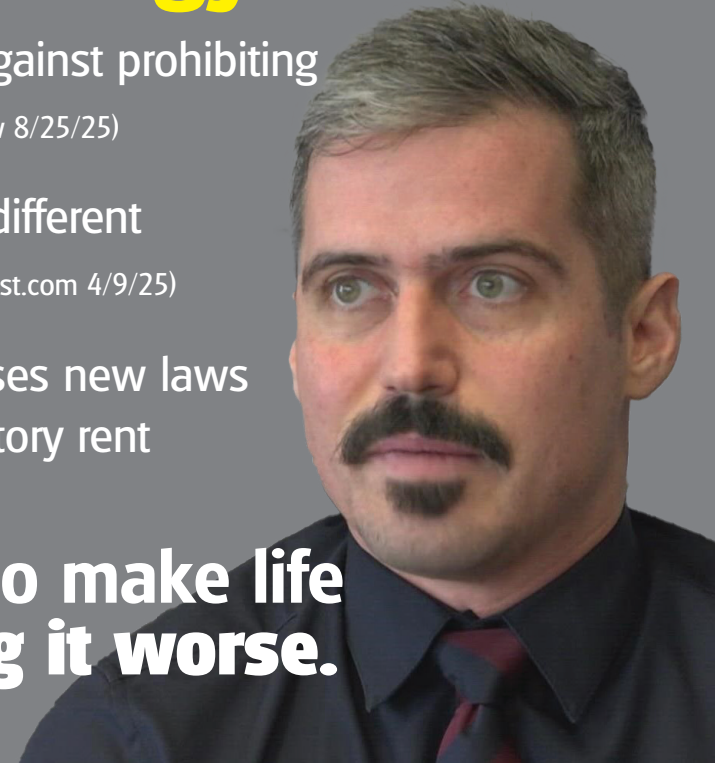
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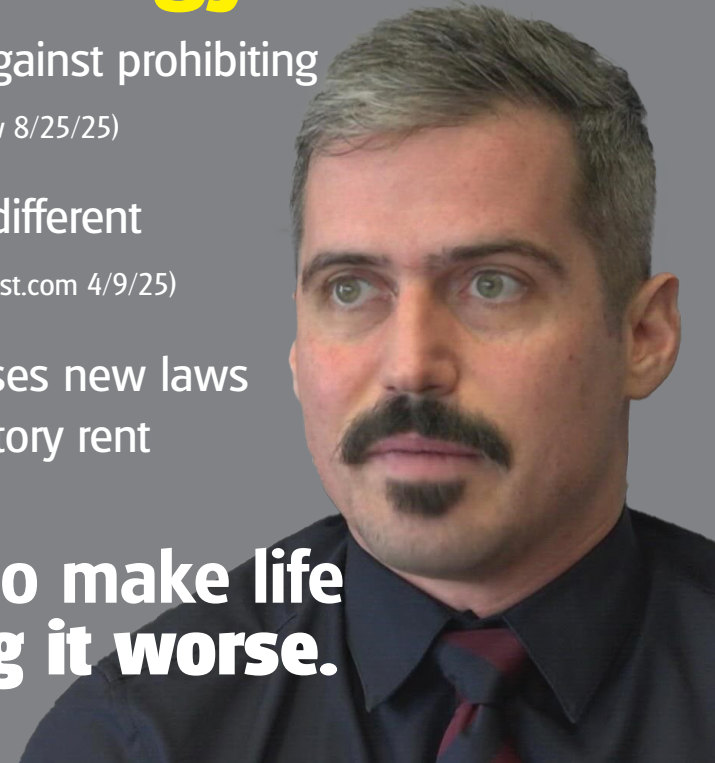
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