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Portland  
City Auditor  
Elections

Page 2: Complainant Demographic Information

Q1 Internet search

How did you learn about the City Elections Office? (Please check all that apply)

Q2 [Redacted],  
Race or ethnicity (Please check all that apply) [Redacted]

Page 3: Complainant Demographic Information Tribe or Native Corporation

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Please provide your Tribe or Native Corporation, if desired:

Page 4: Contact Information and Confidentiality

Q4 Name and Address of Person Filing Complaint Questionnaire (all fields are required):

Complainant first and last name [Redacted]  
Address [Redacted]  
City [Redacted]  
State [Redacted]  
ZIP Code [Redacted]

Q5 Confidentiality of Contact Information  
I am asserting that I am providing this information on the condition that the City Elections Office and Small Donor Elections program will keep my identity and identifying personal information confidential pursuant to ORS 192.355(4) (Public Records Exempt from Disclosure) and will only disclose it if ordered to do so by a court or the district attorney.

Page 5: Contact Information and Confidentiality

**Q6**

I request that the following be kept confidential to the extent permitted by Oregon Public Records Law:

**Contact information (personal address, personal email, personal phone number)**

**Identifying details**

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Page 6: Complaint Information

**Q7**

This complaint is related to (select one):

**Contribution violation, such as a City candidate accepting more than \$579 from a contributor, OR a City candidate accepting a contribution from an entity other than an individual or political committee.**

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Page 7: Small Donor Elections Violation

**Q8**

Are you a candidate for Mayor, Auditor, or Councilor in the upcoming November election? \*

**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 8: Small Donor Elections Violation

**Q9**

Candidate or Political Committee

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q10**

Please describe the violation, including as many facts and as much specific information as possible. If you would like to submit the details as a document, please summarize your complaint in this box and upload the document(s) below.

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q11**

If available, please provide any and all documentation you have or can find to support this claim:

**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 9: Contribution Allegation

Campaign Finance Complaint Form

**Q12**

Name of candidate:

Rene Gonzalez

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**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

Name of candidate's political committee as registered in ORESTAR:

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**Q14**

Respondent skipped this question

Is this candidate participating in the Small Donor Elections program?

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**Q15**

Respondent skipped this question

Name of contributor (please list only one):

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**Q16**

Respondent skipped this question

Address of contributor as written in ORESTAR, if known (if unknown, please write "unknown"):

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**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Total dollar amount for all transactions by the contributor that are alleged to be in excess of the City's contribution limits, if known (if unknown, please write "unknown"):

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Transaction IDs of each contribution in question, as included in ORESTAR, if known (if unknown, please write "unknown"):

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**Q19**

When did the alleged contribution violation occur? (If you are unsure of the exact date, please provide an estimate of the timing to the closest degree possible)

March

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**Q20**

Respondent skipped this question

If available, please provide documentation of the alleged violation:

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**Q21**

Please include any additional information you believe would assist the Auditor's Office to investigate your concern.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/politics/2024/08/portland-commissioner-rene-gonzalez-spent-thousands-in-city-funds-to-polish-wikipedia-page.html>

\$6,400 in City funds to edit his Wikipedia page for his run for Mayor.

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Page 10: Political communication disclosure violation

**Q22**

Respondent skipped this question

Who produced or disseminated the communication you are complaining about? (List names of all that apply.)

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**Q23**

Respondent skipped this question

The date the communication in question was circulated (disseminated, aired, posted, etc.):

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**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

If available, please provide documentation of the communication in question:

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**Q25**

Respondent skipped this question

Please include any additional information you believe would assist the Auditor's Office to investigate your concern:

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Page 11: ORESTAR Registration Violation

**Q26**

Respondent skipped this question

Name of the entity that failed to register in ORESTAR when required:

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**Q27**

Respondent skipped this question

When did the violation occur? (If you are unsure of the exact date, please provide an estimate of the timing to the closest degree possible)

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**Q28**

Respondent skipped this question

If available, please provide documentation of the alleged violation:

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**Q29**

Respondent skipped this question

Please include any additional information that you believe would assist the Auditor's Office to investigate your concern (e.g., which transaction resulted in the entity crossing over the threshold requiring registration in ORESTAR, etc.):

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Page 12: Payroll Deduction Violation

**Q30**

Respondent skipped this question

Please include the name of the employer who violated the right of an individual to make contributions by payroll deduction:

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**Q31**

Respondent skipped this question

Please include the name of the individual whose right to make contributions by payroll deduction was violated:

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**Q32**

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe the circumstances of the violation:

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**Q33**

Respondent skipped this question

If available, please provide documentation of the alleged violation:

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**Q34**

Respondent skipped this question

Please include any additional information that you believe would assist the Auditor's Office to investigate your concern (e.g., timing of when the deduction request was made, pay cycle in which requested deduction did not occur, etc.):

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Page 13: Submit your Campaign Finance Complaint Form

**Q35**

By checking the boxes below:

I represent that I am the same individual whose information is provided as the person submitting this complaint form and that, by submitting this form, I certify all information is true to the best of my knowledge

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I acknowledge this complaint form may be included as part of an investigation and therefore may later be referred to at any subsequent appellant proceeding.

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I represent that am available to provide further information if requested by the City Elections Office or Small Donor Elections as part of an investigation.

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I understand that any information submitted on this form is subject to Oregon's public record laws.

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**From:** [City Auditor, Simone Rede](#)  
**To:** [Brodersen, Reed](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Commissioner Gonzalez spending my tax dollars on making himself look better on Wikipedia  
**Date:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:27:32 AM

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Hello Reed,

I am reviewing messages in the general inbox and I am not sure if this email received last week was addressed. I don't know if you have seen it - apologies if you have already addressed this one. It seems to be separate from the one received yesterday.

Thanks,  
Audrey

-----Original Message-----

From: [rjmf765@gmail.com](mailto:rjmf765@gmail.com) <[rjmf765@gmail.com](mailto:rjmf765@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 7:37 PM  
To: City Auditor, Simone Rede <[auditor.rede@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:auditor.rede@portlandoregon.gov)>  
Subject: Commissioner Gonzalez spending my tax dollars on making himself look better on Wikipedia

Auditor Rede,

I heard the news that Commissioner Gonzalez spent \$6,400 on editing his Wikipedia page. Surely, this is not an acceptable use of public money. He clearly is not a responsible steward of our tax dollars. Please look into his handling of public funds so we can be sure that he has not spent even more for his personal benefit.

Thank you,

Ryan Andrada-Foster  
Foster-Powell Neighborhood

**From:** [City Auditor, Simone Rede](#)  
**To:** [Morrison, Taylor](#); [Brodersen, Reed](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Gonzalez must pay back taxpayers for Wikipedia edits  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 1:58:48 PM

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This is another message received today regarding Gonzalez's spending.

Audrey

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**From:** Alex Thebert <thebert.alex@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 1:43 PM  
**To:** City Auditor, Simone Rede <auditor.rede@portlandoregon.gov>  
**Subject:** Gonzalez must pay back taxpayers for Wikipedia edits

Dear Auditor,

As a taxpayer and resident of Portland, I am alarmed to see that Rene Gonzalez has used taxpayer funds to bolster his own Wikipedia page. Given that he's running for Mayor, it is beyond unethical to have taxpayer money pay for campaigning activity.

To remedy this, I ask for:

1. An immediate and publicly announced repayment of these funds to the city by Gonzalez.
2. An investigation into the rest of his expenditures to ensure taxpayer dollars aren't inappropriately being used by him or his office.

Sincerely,

Alex Thebert  
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[thebert.alex@gmail.com](mailto:thebert.alex@gmail.com)