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## Notice of Campaign Finance Complaint

Via Email: [sahill827@msn.com](mailto:sahill827@msn.com)

Complainant:

**James Goings**  
2126 NW Elm St.  
McMinnville, OR 97128

Respondent:

**Scott Hill, Re-Elect Scott Hill Mayor PAC**  
1525 SW Gilson Ct  
McMinnville, OR 97128  
[sahill827@msn.com](mailto:sahill827@msn.com)

### Summary:

City ordinance requires the Finance Director to issue a Notice of Campaign Finance Complaint when provided a reason to believe that a violation of the City campaign finance regulations may have occurred. See City of McMinnville Ordinance No. 5096.

On October 13, 2020, the Finance Director received information providing a basis for belief of potential violation(s) of City campaign finance regulations by the Re-Elect Scott Hill Mayor PAC.

The information received is attached to this notice.

### Allegation(s):

Printed materials and digital communications may have failed to disclose the true original sources of the contributions and/or independent expenditure to fund the communication, including disclosure of Dominant Contributor(s), and timely disclosure within 10 days of the printing of printed material or within 5 days of digital communications.

Scott Hill is the current mayor and the incumbent mayoral candidate for the November 3, 2020, General Election.

According to information received by the Finance Director:

1. Re-Elect Scott Hill Mayor PAC is PAC no. 20862.
2. Mr Hill received a contribution of \$2,500 from the PAC Oregonians for Affordable Housing on 10/5/2020.
3. Mailers, newspaper ads, and digital advertisements may have been paid for by this donation within the disclosure time limits.

**Information requested:**

1. Please confirm whether the Re-Elect Scott Hill Mayor PAC produced the three printed materials shown in the compliant attachment as well as the (apparent) digital banner head on the News Register website.
2. If the campaign did produce the identified items, please provide information such as
  - a. How much did the campaign expend to produce each one
  - b. What dates were each item was produced
  - c. What dates were each published and/or sent
3. Did the campaign receive the \$2,500 donation noted above on 10/5/2020?
4. If so, did the donation fund any of these campaign materials? How was that disclosed?
5. Clean copies of the campaign materials noted in the complaint attachment.

Please include any other information, documentation and explanation that you believe will be relevant to the Finance Director's ability to make a determination of whether a violation has taken place.

**Timeline for Response and Investigation:**

Under the ordinance, you have five business days to respond to this notice. The deadline is 5pm on October 21, 2020. At this time, the Finance Director can only guarantee receipt of materials if sent by email: [jennifer.cuellar@mcminnvilleoregon.gov](mailto:jennifer.cuellar@mcminnvilleoregon.gov). Please include "Campaign Finance" in the subject of the email.

Because the election is within 30 days, the timelines include a 5-business-day period for submitting the written response with my office rendering a decision within another 5 business days.

A copy of the ordinance, the City's Campaign Finance Administrative Policy and candidate guidance materials are available on the City's website.

<https://www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/citycouncil/page/campaign-finance-city-elections>

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

DATE: October 14, 2020



Jennifer Cuellar-Smith  
Finance Director  
City of McMinnville