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Notice of Campaign Finance Complaint

Via Email: sahill827@msn.com

Complainant:

James Goings

2126 NW Elm St.

McMinnville, OR 97128

Respondent:

Scott Hill, Re-Elect Scott Hill Mayor PAC

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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 21, 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 continued to fail 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.

While some of the advertisements have changed relative Mr. Going's first complaint on October 13, 2020, disclosure of all dominant contributors have not been added as required under 2.10.30-B of Ordinance 5096.

Further, the complaint discusses timely disclosure of expenditures under state law. This element of the alleged violation is outside the scope of the city ordinance and will not be part of this review process.

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 and do not include the PAC's top three funders.

Information requested:

1. Please confirm whether the Re-Elect Scott Hill Mayor PAC produced the printed materials shown in the compliant attachment.
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 the campaign utilized this donation to fund any of these campaign materials
 - a. How was that disclosed
 - b. Who/what entities are the top donors of the PAC
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 29, 2020. At this time, the Finance Director can only guarantee receipt of materials if dropped off at the City Hall. Please make an appointment via email with the Finance Director to make your submission as the City Hall is not open to the public due to the ongoing public health emergency. jennifer.cuellar@mcminnvilleoregon.gov. Please include "Campaign Finance Appointment" 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 22, 2020



Jennifer Cuellar-Smith
Finance Director
City of McMinnville