STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

July 17, 2012

Kiz Ahamiojie
P.O. Box 374
Belleville, Michigan 48112

Dear Mr. Ahamiojie:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Daniel Dakoske against you, alleging that you violated section 47(1) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.247(1), by failing to include a complete and correct identification statement on certain campaign-related material. A copy of Mr. Dakoske's complaint is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election to include the phrase "Paid for by [name and address of the person who paid for the item]." MCL 169.247(1), R 169.36(2). A knowing violation constitutes a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to $1,000.00, imprisonment for up to 93 days, or both. MCL 169.247(5).

In support of his complaint, Mr. Dakoske provided a copy of a flyer which states "Vote KIZ . . . . for everyday people and issues!" and a copy of a newspaper ad which states "VOTE AUGUST 7th, 2012 KIZ Ahamiojie [.]" It appears that the "paid for by" statements in both the flyer and the ad omit your committee's address.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Department's examination of these matters and your right to respond to the allegations before the Department proceeds further. <u>It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true</u>.

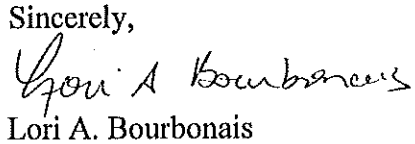
If you wish to file a written response to this complaint, you are required to do so within 15 business days of your receipt of this letter. Please include any evidence that reflects any corrective measures you have taken to bring your campaign material into compliance with the MCFA. Your response may include any written statement or additional documentary evidence you wish to submit. All materials must be sent to the Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. If you fail to submit a response, the Department will render a decision based on the evidence furnished by the complainant.

A copy of your reply will be provided to Mr. Dakoske, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all of the statements and materials provided by the parties, the Department will determine whether "there may be reason to believe

that a violation of [the MCFA] has occurred [.]" MCL 169.215(10). Note that the Department's enforcement powers include the possibility of entering a conciliation agreement, conducting an administrative hearing, or referring this matter to the Attorney General for enforcement of the criminal penalty provided in section 47(5) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (517) 241-0395.

Sincerely,



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Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Daniel Dakoske

Daniel Dakoske
40170 Alden Road
Belleville, MI 48111
(734) 776-6469

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Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
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430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48918

June 26, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe Kiz Ahamiojie, through the "Kiz Ahamiojie for State Rep. Committee," violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (PA 388 of 1976).

On a flyer bearing Kiz Ahamiojie's name and likeness states the piece was "Paid for by KIZ Ahamiojie for State Rep. Committee," but does not include the candidate's address. Further, an advertisement featured in Vol. 3, Issue 26 Belleville Lake Current does not include the address of the candidate or the committee.

Section 169.247 (1) of the MCFA states that "a billboard, placard, poster, pamphlet, or other printed matter having reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question, shall bear upon it the name and address of the person paying for the matter."

I have included a photocopy of the flyer, which was distributed both in person and through the US Postal Service. I have also included a photocopy of the advertisement in the Belleville Lake Current and the front page of the edition in which the violating advertisement appeared. The Lake Current prints weekly with a circulation of 7,200.

The mailing address for the "Kiz Ahamiojie for State Rep. Committee" is: PO Box 374, Belleville, MI 48112.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each factual contention of this complaint is supported by evidence.

Sincerely

Daniel Dakoske

Michigan Department of State
Campaign Finance Complaint Form

This complaint form may be used to file a complaint alleging that someone violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (the MCFA, 1976 PA 388, as amended; MCL 169.201 *et seq.*).

Please print or type all information.

I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name Daniel Dakoske		Daytime Telephone Number 7347766469
Mailing Address 40170 Alden Road		
City Belleville	State MI	Zip 48111

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name Kiz Ahamiojie		
Mailing Address PO Box 374		
City Belleville	State MI	Zip 48112

Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:
169.247 (1

Explain how those sections were violated:
On a flyer bearing Kiz Ahamiojie's name and likeness states the piece was "Paid for by KIZ Ahamiojie for State Rep. Committee," but does not include the candidate's address. Further, an advertisement featured in Vol. 3, Issue 26 Belleville Lake Current does not include the address of the candidate or the committee.

Evidence that supports those allegations (attach copies of pertinent documents and other information):

I have included a photocopy of the flyer, which was distributed both in person and through the US Postal Service. I have also included a photocopy of the advertisement in the Belleville Lake Current and the front page of the edition in which the violating advertisement appeared. The Lake Current prints weekly with a circulation of 7,200.

Section 4. Certification (Required)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each factual contention of this complaint is supported by evidence.

X _____ 6/29/12

Signature of Complainant — Date

Section 5. Certification without Evidence (Supplemental to Section 4)

Section 15(6) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215) requires that the signed certification found in section 4 of this form be included in every complaint. However, if, after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, you are unable to certify that certain factual contentions are supported by evidence, you may also make the following certification:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, or belief, there are grounds to conclude that the following specifically identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry. Those specific contentions are:

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X _____ _____

Signature of Complainant — Date

Section 15(8) of the MCFA provides that a person who files a complaint with a false certification is responsible for a civil violation of the MCFA. The person may be required to pay a civil fine of up to $1,000.00 and some or all of the expenses incurred by the Michigan Department of State and the alleged violator as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.

Mail or deliver the completed complaint form and evidence to the following address:

Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48918

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KIZ for State Representative, 21st District.

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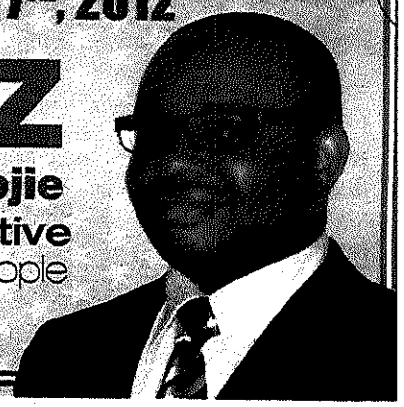

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VBPS Board of Education passes a balanced budget

By Rich Jenkins

After several years of running a deficit, Van Buren Public Schools appear to be almost out of financial trouble after the Board of Education passed a balanced budget at their June 25 meeting.

"It hasn't been without its ups and downs, nobody likes to see some of the pay cuts that people have had to have," said Superintendent Michael Van Tassel. "But I do believe that there is hope for these kids to get a quality education. At the end of the day, that is what it has to be about. I want to thank the board for making some very hard decisions and doing what is right by the kids."

The approved budget will see the district receive an estimated 45,717,411 dollars in revenue and spend an estimated 45,260,560 dollars in the next year. While there could be some changes in these numbers depending on things like the exact number of students attending the district next year and the final amount of aid the district receives from the state, the current numbers would see the district with a 449,851 dollar surplus.

The meeting was preceded by a brief public hearing on the budget where Director of Finance Karen Moffitt presented the budget and explained how the district was able to reach the current numbers. According to the presentation, the district had to cut over 5.5 million dollars in costs for the upcoming year to achieve the balanced budget. It was noted later in the meeting that 3.9 million dollars of those savings came from concessions in the recently approved contract with the district's teachers.

In other board news:

– The board approved the hiring of Stacey Buhro, John Leroy and Melissa Lloyd as Assistant High School Principals.

– The board also approved a new math curriculum for the district's kindergarten through sixth grade students. The "Everyday Math" textbooks will teach students multiple ways to solve math problems and should better prepare students for future math classes. It would also create a standard curriculum for each school in the district to follow. The new curriculum will cost the district just over 198,000 dollars for the first year. There will be additional cost of roughly 49,000 dollars in future years as new workbooks are ordered for students. Trustee Scott Russell abstained from the vote because he works for McGraw-Hill, the

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Summer classics

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August 1, 2012

Daniel Dakoske
40170 Alden Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

Dear Mr. Dakoske:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Kiz Ahamiojie, which concerns an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq*. A copy of the response is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

If you elect to file a rebuttal statement, you are required to send it within 10 business days of the date of this letter to the Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Sincerely,

Lori A Bourbonais

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Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Kiz Ahamiojie

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To Whom This May Concern:

Please find attached documents showing complete identification statements on my campaign documents and yard signs. This campaign has not knowingly or deliberately omitted any required information on any campaign material.

Although this campaign has had a tough time with generating revenue as evidenced by required filings, my campaign is a law abiding campaign that has put in all efforts to make sure all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to printing of campaign documents, filing of campaign finance and other requirements are abided by. This campaign is simply about a responsible law abiding entity hoping to be a voice for everyday people and issues.

I sincerely hope this addresses the concerns of the gentleman (Mr. Dakoske) that filed this complaint and also the Bureau of Elections.

Sincerely,

Kiz Ahamiojie

7/29/2012

VOTE KIZ Ahamiojie on August 7th 2012

For

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PRIORITIES

- ✓ **JOBS**: I will work to expand markets for Michigan-made products; this will lead to more Michigan jobs.
- ✓ **EDUCATION**: I will work to make sure our kids are well-grounded in science, math and technology, so they can compete with kids from other countries like China, India etc.
- ✓ **HOUSING**: I will work with lenders, homeowners and other stakeholders to find a solution to foreclosures and "underwater" homes.
- ✓ **HEALTHCARE**: I consider this a right; I will work everyday to make sure people have access to quality and affordable healthcare.

VOTE KIZ....*a voice for everyday people and issues!*

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FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

October 11, 2012

Kiz Ahamiojie
P.O. Box 374
Belleville, Michigan 48112

Dear Mr. Ahamiojie:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its investigation of a complaint filed against you by Daniel Dakoske, which alleged that you violated section 47(1) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.247(1), by failing to include a complete and correct identification statement on certain campaign-related material. This letter concerns the disposition of Mr. Dakoske's complaint.

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election to include the phrase "Paid for by [name and address of the person who paid for the item]." MCL 169.247(1), R 169.36(2). A knowing violation constitutes a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to $1,000.00, imprisonment for up to 93 days, or both. MCL 169.247(5).

The Act also requires the Department to "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods [,]" if it finds that "there may be reason to believe that a violation ... has occurred [.]" MCL 169.215(10). The objective of an informal resolution is "to correct the violation or prevent a further violation [.]" Id.

The complaint was filed by Mr. Dakoske on July 10, 2012, and you filed a written response on August 1, 2012. Mr. Dakoske did not file a rebuttal statement.

Mr. Dakoske alleged that the paid-for-by statements on a campaign flyer and a newspaper ad did not contain the address of your committee. Mr. Dakoske provided as evidence a copy of a flyer which states "Vote KIZ . . . for everyday people and issues!" and a copy of a newspaper ad which states "VOTE AUGUST 7th, 2012 KIZ Ahamiojie [.]" It appears that the paid-for-by statements in both the flyer and the ad omit your committee's address.

In response, you filed a letter which stated that your campaign had not "knowingly or deliberately omitted any required information on any campaign material." You also provided a flyer and a copy of a picture of a campaign sign which contained complete paid-for-by statements that included your committee's address.

While the Department believes that the evidence tends to show that your campaign material failed to contain a complete paid-for-by statement, section 15(10) of the MCFA requires the Department to "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal

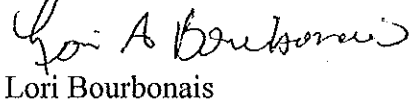
methods such as a conference, conciliation, or persuasion [.]" The Department is satisfied that you took appropriate corrective measures to bring your campaign material into compliance with the MCFA.

Additionally, the Department is advising you that section 47(1) and R 169.36(2) require you to print a complete and accurate identification statement on all campaign materials, consisting of the phrase "paid for by" followed by the full name and address of your committee. Note that all printed materials that refer to an election or your candidacy produced in the future must include this identification statement.

Please be advised that this notice has served to remind you of your obligation under the Act to identify your printed matter, and may be used in future proceedings as evidence that tends to establish a knowing violation of the Act. A knowing violation is a misdemeanor offense and may merit referral to the Attorney General for enforcement action. MCL 169.247(5), 215(10).

The Department now considers this matter closed and will take no further action against you at this time.

Sincerely,



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