



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

June 6, 2018

Thomas Mitchell
40171 William Drive
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Department of State (Department) acknowledges receipt of the complaint you filed against Nathan Shannon, alleging that he violated section 47 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, 169.247. This letter concerns the disposition of your complaint.

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election include the phrase "Paid for by" followed by the full name of the person or committee paying for the material and the person's or committee's street number or post office box, city or town, state, and zip code." 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(6).

In your complaint, you allege that the paid for by statement is incorrect because it is an old sign containing an old address. In support of your complaint, you included two signs. However, the evidence submitted does not show activity that could give rise to a violation of the MCFA. The law requires that the address be correct at the time of purchase and that the paid for by statement contain the phrase "paid for by" followed by the committee paying for the sign and the committee's address. Upon reviewing the signs, the address is located on the sign in compliance with the law.

Because the evidence does not support a reason to believe that a potential violation of the MCFA has occurred, your complaint is dismissed. The Department's file in this matter has been closed and no further enforcement action will be taken.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam L.S. Fracassi".

Adam L.S. Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

Campaign Finance Complaint Form
Michigan Department of State

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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.*). All information on the form must be provided along with an original signature and evidence. Please print or type all information.

I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name	Daytime Telephone Number	
THOMAS MITCHELL	586 254 0186	
Mailing Address		
40171 WILLIAM DR.		
City	State	Zip
STERLING HEIGHTS	MI	48313

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name		
NATHAN SHANNON		
Mailing Address		
43313 INTERLAKEN DR.		
City	State	Zip
STERLING HEIGHTS	MI	48313

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

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

SEC 47 OF THE MCFA

Explain how those sections were violated:

THE PAID FOR COMMITTEE ADDRESS IS
INCORRECT - OLD SIGN

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

SEE ATTACHED

PHOTO'S OF SIGN - ONE OF MANY IN STERLING HEIGHTS, MI.
WITH DIANE DR. ADDRESS. SEE ATTACHED FLIER WITH
CURRENT ADDRESS AND RECORD OF INTERLAKEN DR.

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

Thomas Mitchell
Signature of Complainant

10-11-17
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:

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 with an original signature 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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PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT NATHAN SHANNON 40256 DIANE DRIVE STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48313

KEEP NATE
SHANNON
On City Council

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT NATHAN SHANNON, 4755 DIANE DRIVE, STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48313

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SIDE TWO

As your councilman, Nate has worked to:

Keep our taxes low. Sterling Heights has exceptional city services and we must continue this while still maintaining our ranking as the lowest tax rate in Macomb County, and in the bottom 10% in the whole state of Michigan.

Allocate new funding to improve our roads. Over the past four years almost \$100 million dollars has been invested in neighborhood streets and other major road projects.

Support the efforts of the police and fire departments to continue to keep our residents safe at a low cost to each taxpayer. These basic services are essential, and a commitment to continuing the level of protection provided by these departments is what our residents deserve. Sterling Heights continues to rank as the safest city in Michigan with a population of 100,000.

Develop partnerships with public and private organizations to establish programs that support seniors ability to stay in their homes, sometimes called "aging in place". By providing more access to transportation, innovative healthcare solutions, and assisted living programs, seniors should be able to stay in their homes as long as they would like.

Design a self-sustaining EMS transport service. This new program will increase our firefighter ranks by fifteen people and also provide our residents with a higher quality emergency service. This will all come at no extra cost to the city.

Create the conditions to encourage business investment. The city council approved incentive programs to secure over \$2 billion dollars in new investment to the city in the past two years.

Initiate a new curbside recycling service that will result in a cost savings to residents. In addition, the service will be enhanced from bi-weekly to weekly collection.

Nate has been endorsed by the Sterling Heights Fire Fighters Local 1557 and Sterling Heights Police Officers Association.



Nate has been a member of city council since January of 2015. He is also a high school teacher with the L'Anse Creuse School District where he teaches economics and government.

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Paid for by the:

Committee to Elect Nathan Shannon

43313 Interlaken Dr.

Sterling Heights, MI 48313



SIDE ONE

RE-ELECT **NATE SHANNON**

For Sterling Heights City Council

Moving Sterling Heights Forward



*Hello, I am councilman Nate Shannon and I am contacting you today to let you know that I am seeking re-election this **November 7th**. It is an honor to serve this community and I am proud of the work we have accomplished over the past 2 years. I hope you will take some time to read about the great things happening in the city and help me, "Move Sterling Heights Forward".*

"With the right leadership, Sterling Heights will continue to be a premier city that attracts and retains residents and businesses, supports seniors and their ability to remain independent, continues to be one of the safest cities in Michigan and improves the quality of life for everyone."

- Nate Shannon

Nate will continue to prioritize:

- Public Safety
- Keeping Taxes Low
- Economic Development
- Protecting Senior Services
- Attracting and Retaining Residents

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