



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

March 27, 2017

Richard Sollars, Jr.
22190 Hunter Circle North
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Dear Mr. Sollars:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Linda Collins Parker-Craig against you, alleging that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* A copy of the complaint and supporting documentation is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

The MCFA requires filed campaign finance statements and reports to be complete and accurate. MCL 169.233. A candidate or treasurer who knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate statement or report may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00. MCL 169.233(10). A candidate or treasurer who knowingly omits or underreports a contribution or expenditure may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00, or the amount of the undisclosed contribution or expenditure, whichever is greater. MCL 169.233(11).

Ms. Parker-Craig alleges that you have attributed contributions on your campaign finance to Ms. Parke-Craig, and she did not make those contributions.

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. It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true.

If you wish to file a written response to the complaint, you are required to do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. 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 Ms. Parker-Craig, 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 or conducting an administrative hearing.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping tail.

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Linda Collins Parker-Craig

Campaign Finance Complaint Form Michigan Department of State

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 LINDA COLLINS PARKER-CRAIG	Daytime Telephone Number 734-771-3771		
Mailing Address 25865 CONTINENTAL CIRCLE			
City TAYLOR	State MI	Zip 48180	ELECTIONS/GREENTEAL 2011 MAR 23 11:2:54

Section 2. Alleged Violator			
Name RICHARD SOLLARS, JR.			
Mailing Address 22190 HUNTER CIRCLE NORTH			
City TAYLOR	State MI	Zip 48180	ELECTIONS/GREENTEAL 2011 MAR 23 11:2:54

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

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:
169.241 (3)

Explain how those sections were violated:
RICHARD SOLLARS HAS REPORTED MYSELF
AS CONTRIBUTOR (OF \$950⁰⁰) TO HIS
CAMPAIGN, SEE ATTACHED. I HAVE
NOT CONTRIBUTED ANY MONEY TO
HIS CAMPAIGN.

Evidence that supports those allegations (attach copies of pertinent documents and other information):
ATTACHED CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT.

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 Linda Collins Parker-Craig MAR 18, 2017
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:

X _____
Signature of Complainant Date

Section 15(9) 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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Transaction Date	Contributor Name	Contribution Amount	Contributor Address	Occupation	Employer Name	Employer Address	Contributor Type	Contribution Type	Receiving Committee	Committee ID	Office (District / Jurisdiction)
09/28/2016	Parker-Craig, Linda	\$200.00	13363 Chestnut Lane, Taylor, MI 48180	retired/ councilwoman	City of Taylor	Goddard, Taylor, MI 48180	Individual	Direct	Committee To Elect Richard (Rick) Sollars Jr.	82-153965	City Mayor (Taylor)
06/23/2016	Parker-Craig, Linda	\$375.00	13363 Chestnut Lane, Taylor, MI 48180	retired/ councilwoman	City of Taylor	Goddard, Taylor, MI 48180	Individual	Direct	Committee To Elect Richard (Rick) Sollars Jr.	82-153965	City Mayor (Taylor)
08/07/2015	Parker-Craig, Linda C	\$375.00	13363 Chestnut Ln, Taylor, MI 48180	Retired	Retired	13363 Chestnut Lane, Taylor, MI 48180	Individual	Direct	Committee To Elect Richard (Rick) Sollars Jr.	82-153965	City Mayor (Taylor)
06/25/2015	Parker, Martin	\$150.00	38549 Laurenwood St, Wayne, MI 48184-1073	Consultant	Wade Trim	25251 NORTHLINE, TAYLOR, MI 48180	Individual	Direct	Committee To Elect Richard (Rick) Sollars Jr.	82-153965	City Mayor (Taylor)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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May 11, 2017

Linda Collins Parker-Craig
25865 Continental Circle
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Dear Ms. Parker-Craig:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Rick Sollars, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais".

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Rick Sollars

April 10, 2017

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CLEVELAND GREAT SEAL

Ms. Lori A Bourbonais
Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
Richard H. Austin Building 1st Floor
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48918

Re: Response to Campaign Finance Complaint – Ms. Linda Collins Parker-Craig

Dear Ms. Bourbonais:

This letter is in response to the complaint filed by Linda Collins Parker Craig (“Miss Craig”) on March 18, 2017, which complainant alleges that the committee has incorrectly reported Ms. Craig as a contributor to the campaign. The allegations stated in the complaint were neither knowing nor intentional but an error or oversight, which highlights the need for an improved data collection process, where issues such as this will no longer arise.

The dates in questions for the contributions per complainant coincide with committee fundraising events for the 2015 Golf Outing, 2016 Golf Outing and a Cigar event.

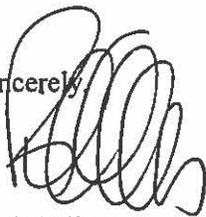
Ms. Craig attended all three events and therefore was mistakenly reported as having paid to attend the events. Attached are the sign in sheets for the golf outing events in 2015 and 2016, which shows that, Ms. Craig has signed in for the 2015 event in line two, and for the 2016 as a part of the second to last team. In addition to the sign in sheet also attached is a picture from the foursome Ms. Craig golfed in at the event.

As a result of a review of our records, we have determined that and later identified that Ms. Craig was a guest of a contributor in the picture in attached for all three events and not a paid contributor. Any contribution that exceeded campaign finance law limits have since been reimbursed to the contributor.

In an effort improve our data collection and transparency, all committee events moving forward will contain sign in sheets which will include a separate column to identify if the person is a guest of a contributor or is the actual contributor.

In conclusion, the allegations mentioned in the complaint were a result of an oversight without knowingly nor with any intention of violating the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. As stated above, I have taken appropriate corrective measures to correct such future oversights and controls are in place to address this issue, and I further respectfully request the dismissal of the complaint.

Sincerely,



Rick Sollars

2015

MAYOR SOLLARS' GOLF OUTING SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
Guido Gulia	9311 Continental	313-292-2245	gulin@ci.taylor.mi.us
Sinda Parker-Craig			
BOB BOBEK	9610 SUMNER	734-277-4646	jdobek@comcast.net ✓
Pamanda Binas	31305 HANDSMAN	517-862-3734	
QUANDO MAZZOLA	160 W. JEFFERSON	313-850-4851	
JEFF COE	2650 W. JEFFERSON	313-283-5791	
Dale Pehma	1130 E. COPALMERE	313-578-1714	
Troy Latydrasse	22126 HALL	313 397 5858	
Joe Coelhe	9850 Pelham Rd	313 299-2110	jcoelhe@vmc.com ✓
Tim McKim	500 E. Webb Rd	(616-262-2581)	timckim@comcast.net ✓
GREG BZURA	df		
DENNIS LEVVO	16650 RACHO	(313) 283-2002	dennis@jsoy.com ✓
Jim Kerchum	18200 TARA DR. 48036	576-718-5556	kerchum@atony-sowers.com ✓
RENE ARNAC	19476 SHADYSIDE LUMAS	248-471-1374	arnac@banc.com ✓
Ray Pottorff	12455 Hale St Riverview	313-304-1166	ray.p.pottorff@roofing.com ✓
Paula Bennett	30462 Young Dr Gibraltar	313 350 8711	edp@mic-hill-mc.com ✓
Paul Morkes	19500 Dix/Takoa Rd Brampton	313-402-2674	Paul.Morkes@MichiganCoT.com ✓
DENNIS RENO	1650 W JEFFERSON	734-279-3500	renod@hvsc.net ✓
DAN PITZ	" "	" "	pitteld@hvsc.net ✓
DAVID SPIEGEL	" "	" "	spiegel@hvsc.net ✓
RON MARACLE	MI Regional Council OF CARPENTERS	734-652-0621	Ron.MARACLE@HAMMERT.COM ✓





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August 16, 2017

Linda Collins Parker-Craig
25865 Continental Circle
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Dear Ms. Parker-Craig:

The Department of State (Department) has concluded its review of the complaint you filed against Rick Sollars, concerning an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* This letter concerns the disposition of your complaint.

You alleged that Mr. Sollars attributed contributions to you on his campaign finance reports, but that you did not make those contributions.

You filed your complaint on March 23, 2017, and Mr. Sollars filed a written response on April 17, 2017. You did not file a rebuttal statement with the Department.

The MCFA requires filed campaign finance statements and reports to be complete and accurate. MCL 169.233. A candidate or treasurer who knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate statement or report may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00. MCL 169.233(10). A candidate or treasurer who knowingly omits or underreports a contribution or expenditure may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00, or the amount of the undisclosed contribution or expenditure, whichever is greater. MCL 169.233(11).

In support of your allegation you provided a screen shot of the contributions reported as being from you on Mr. Sollars' campaign finance statements. These included a \$375.00 contribution on August 7, 2015, a \$375.00 contribution on June 23, 2016, and a \$200.00 contribution on September 28, 2016. You stated in your complaint that you did not contribute any money to Mr. Sollars' campaign.

In his answer, Mr. Sollars' explained that the dates of these contributions coincide with committee fundraising events. Mr. Sollars' asserted that you "attended all three events and therefore [were] mistakenly reported as having paid to attend the events." Mr. Sollars' further explained that after reviewing the committee records, it was determined that you were a guest of a contributor and not a paid contributor yourself. As evidence, Mr. Sollars' provided a picture of you with your golf foursome at one of the events and sign-in sheets with your signature for two of the events.

Mr. Sollars also stated that the allegations were "a result of an oversight without knowingly nor with any intention of violating the" Act. Additionally, he stated that he has "taken appropriate

Linda Collins Parker-Craig

August 16, 2017

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corrective measures to correct such future oversights and controls are in place to address this issue [.]”

After carefully reviewing the evidence provided, the Department is satisfied with Mr. Sollars' explanation of how the errors occurred and does not have reason to believe that Mr. Sollars knowingly filed an inaccurate report.

Based on the above, your complaint is dismissed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori A Bourbonais". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Secretary of State

c: Rick Sollars