



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

July 14, 2016

Charles Vayda
P.O. Box 568
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Dear Mr. Vayda:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Dan Sloan 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 material. A copy of the 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), Mich. Admin. 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 support of his complaint, Mr. Sloan provided a flyer which states, "Vote for Vayda Aug. 2nd for the Primary Nov. 8th for the General [,]" and a picture of a sign which states, "VAYDA FOR SHERIFF [,]" The paid-for-by statements on these materials appear to 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. 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. 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.

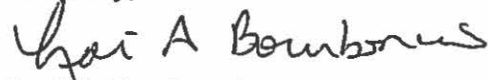
A copy of your reply will be provided to Mr. Sloan, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all of the statements and materials provided by the parties, the Department will determine whether "there may be reason to believe

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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(6) of the Act.

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, flowing style.

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Dan Sloan

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 <i>Dan Sloan</i> | Daytime Telephone Number <i>231-287-2309</i> | |
| Mailing Address <i>10035 E. 40TH ST.</i> | | |
| City <i>Chase</i> | State <i>MI</i> | Zip <i>49623</i> |

| Section 2. Alleged Violator | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Name <i>Charles Vayda</i> | | |
| Mailing Address <i>PO Box 568</i> | | |
| City <i>Baldwin</i> | State <i>MI</i> | Zip <i>49304</i> |

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

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

Section 47(1)

Explain how those sections were violated:

Failure to provide a complete identification on certain signs and brochures.

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

attached is a picture of a sign and a brochure

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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

Aan Sloan
Signature of Complainant

7-8-16
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:

Charles Vayda violated MCFA, 1976,
PA 388, MCL 169.247 (1) by failing
to provide a complete identification
on certain signs and brochures.

X

Aan Sloan
Signature of Complainant

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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:

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Lansing, Michigan 48918

ELECT

**CHARLES VAYDA FOR
LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF 2016**



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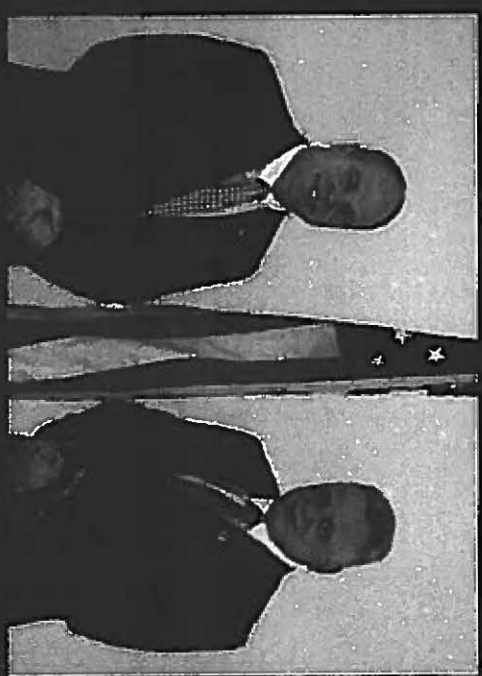
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Vote for Vayda August 2nd

AT A GLANCE

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After 27 years of experience in Lake County, in law enforcement that began on May 5, 1988 when I was sworn in as a Reserve Deputy at Lake County Sheriff's Department under Sheriff Peter Loucks. While working as a Reserve Deputy, I attended West Shore Community College earning an associate's degree with honors in law enforcement. During this time, I worked full time at a family business in Big Star Lake. I was then promoted by Lake County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher and correction officer under Lake County Sheriff Brenda Skyles. In 1991, I was assigned to the Road Patrol division as a Road Patrol Deputy where I worked until 2000 when I was promoted to Road Patrol Sergeant. During my tenure at Lake County Sheriff's Office, I received advanced training, solved many crimes, testified against criminals, and was able to get many convictions through hard investigative work.

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Vote for Vayda

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Nov. 8th for the General

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Taser Instructor
PPCT Instructor
Accident Investigation 1, 2, 3 and 8
Michigan Breath Test Operator Class 3A
Pepper Mace Qualified
NIK System Qualified
A.S.P. Baton Qualified
Certified Radar Operator
Certified Police Officer
Michigan Law Enforcement Officer
Training Council
Certified Michigan Correctional Officers
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Class A Firefighter
Fire Training Council
FEMA Certified for Incident Command



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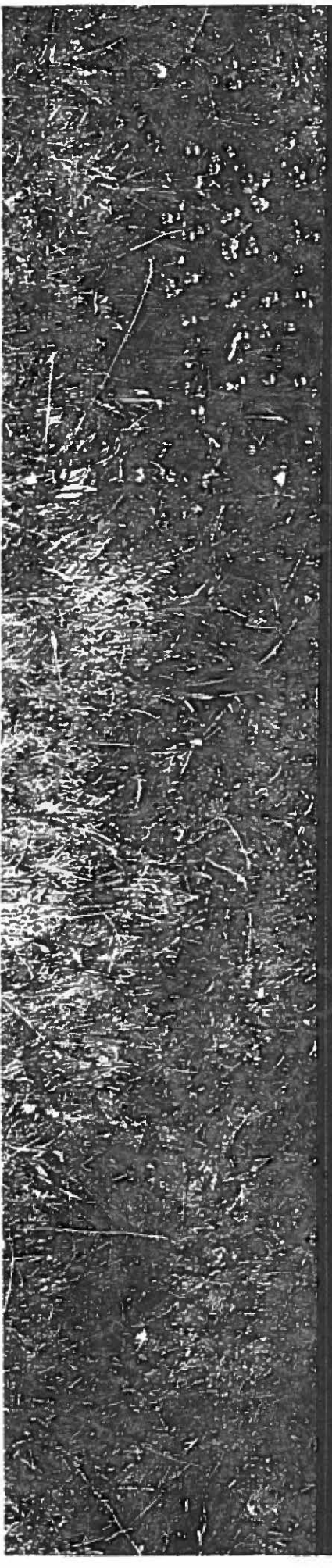
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VAYDA FOR SHERIFF

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August 8, 2016

Dan Sloan
10035 East 40th Street
Chase, Michigan 49623

Dear Mr. Sloan:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Charles Vayda, 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 black ink that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais".

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Charles Vayda

July 27, 2016

Charles Vayda
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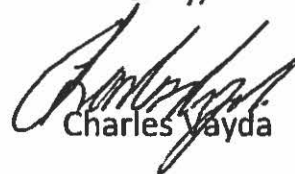
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Dear Lori Bourbonais:

This letter is in response to the formal complaint filed by Dan Sloan Reference my violation of Section 47 (1) of the Michigan campaign finance act (MCFA), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.247(1), Failing to include a complete and correct identification statement on certain campaign material.

I have included photocopied and original documentation for the previous mentioned items in question. These items have been fixed to reflect the correct information to bring my Campaign signs and brochures into compliance.

Sincerely,



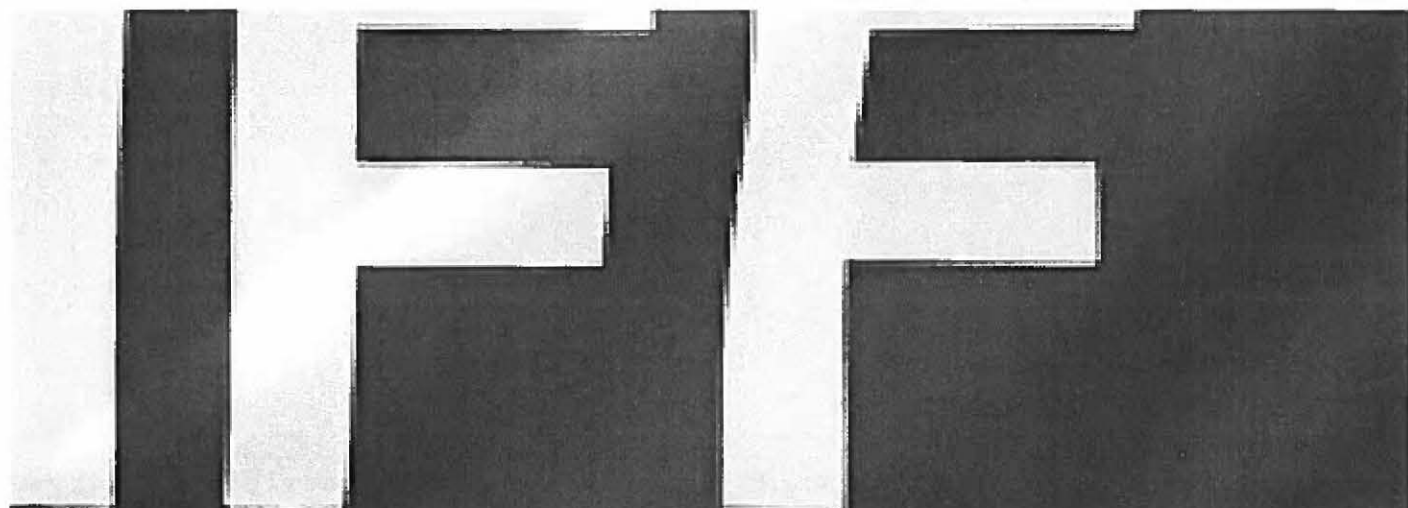
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Charles Vayda



ATTACHED ADDRESS LABEL

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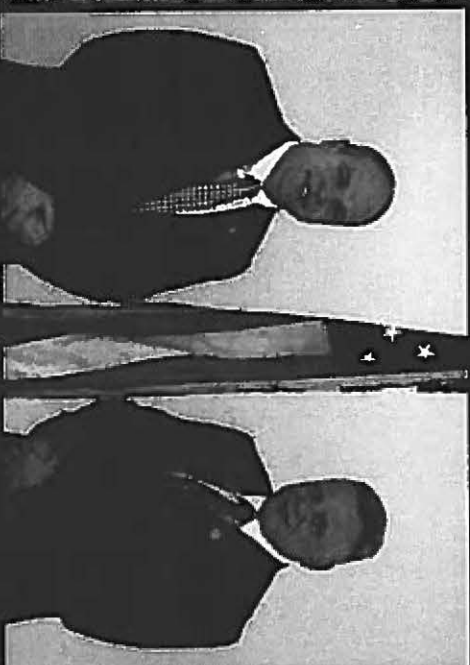
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CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

Taser Instructor
 PPCT Instructor
 Accident Investigation 1, 2, 3 and 8
 Michigan Breath Test Operator Class 3A
 Pepper Mace Qualified
 NIK System Qualified
 A.S.P. Baton Qualified
 Certified Radar Operator
 Certified Police Officer
 Michigan Law Enforcement Officer
 Training Council
 Certified Michigan Correctional Officers
 Training Council
 Class A Firefighter
 Fire Training Council
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November 22, 2016

Charles Vayda
P.O. Box 568
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Dear Mr. Vayda:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its investigation of the complaint filed against you by Dan Sloan, 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. Sloan'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(6).

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.

Mr. Sloan filed his complaint on July 8, 2016, and you filed a written response on August 1, 2016. Mr. Sloan did not file a rebuttal statement with the Department.

Mr. Sloan alleged that you failed to include a proper paid-for-by statement on certain campaign material. In support of his complaint, Mr. Sloan provided a copy of a picture of a sign which stated, "VAYDA FOR SHERIFF [.]" and a flyer that stated "ELECT CHARLES VAYDA FOR LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF 2016 [.]" The paid-for-by statements appear to be omitted from the sign and flyer.

In your response you stated that the "items have been fixed to reflect the correct information" and that your materials were now in compliance with the Act. You provided a copy of a picture of a sign with the attacked sticker. You also provided a copy of the pamphlet produced after you received notice that the paid-for-by statement was required, and it appears that this material contains complete and correct paid-for-by statements.

While the Department believes that the evidence tends to show that your campaign material failed to contain a paid-for-by statement, section 15(10) of the MCFA requires the Department to

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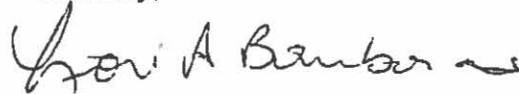
“endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods such as a conference, conciliation, or persuasion [.]” The Department is satisfied that you took appropriate corrective measures to bring your campaign material into compliance with the MCFA.

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(6), 215(10).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori A. Bourbonais", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Dan Sloan