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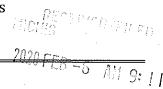


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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FORM FOR INDEPENDENT, POLITICAL AND INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES (PACS)

1. Committee ID #: 157796	*2. Type of Filing:	Original: Amendment to items:	Section 8	Eff. Date: 01/14/2020
Committee Type (Check one): For more i				
*3a / Independent: I/We acknowledg				
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*3b Political: I/We acknowledge that			make contributions at a	a limit that is greater than the applicable
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*3c. Independent Expenditure PACs	: This committee is organ	ized exclusively for the r	ourpose of making Inde	pendent expenditures that are not in any
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Friends of the Riverfront				
4b. Acronym or Abbreviation (if any): F				
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*5b. Complete Committee Street Addres	s (May not be PO Box):			
42 Union Street, Suite 14, F	lillsdale, MI 49242			
*6. Date Committee was Formed in MI:				
*7a. Committee Phone: (815) 354-47			Isofthealleganriv	erfront@gmail.com
7b. Committee Fax:		Website Address:		. ,
*8. Treasurer Name and Complete Addre Brant Cohen 42 Union St. Ap		49242		
Phone #: (815) 354-4721	Email .	Address: brant.cohe	n14@gmail.com	
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within the State of Michigan.	- 6 / -+ 1 /		,,	
9. Designated Record Keeper Name and	Complete Address:			
Phone #:	Email .	Address:		
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Committee did not spend or receive of	or does not expect to spe	nd or receive in excess o	f \$5,000 and would like	to file electronically voluntarily.
*13. Verification: I/We certify that all reas				
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best of my/our knowledge or belief. (Sign	Name and Date below)			
*Current Treasurer Rund Mishin			Record Keeper (Require	ed only if filing electronically)
To Mart Record	Date: 01/	14/2020		Date:

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2 February 2020

Complainant	Alleged Violator
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jaw.watts@gmail.com	friendsoftheriverfront@gmail.com
Section of MCFA alleged to be violated:	MCL 169.247

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- 4. That the January 27, 2020 complaint was sent by email and postal mail.
- 5. That on or about February 2nd, 2020, Mr. Watts documented that said posters and website now display: "Paid for by Friends of the Riverfront", but omit an address of the committee.

Mr. Watts further alleges:

- 1. That Mr. Cohen and *FOR* continue to be in violation of MCL 169.247 by not providing a committee address.
- 2. That by omitting an address that Mr. Cohen and *FOR* are trying to obfuscate and mislead the voters of Allegan by omitting that the committee is based in Hillsdale.

- 3. That if Mr. Cohen and his committee were warned of their violation by the Bureau or a related entity, that **FOR** are not currently in full compliance with the law.
- 4. By placing the label on their materials, Mr. Cohen and the committee knew that **FOR** were in violation of the law. The omission of the committee's address from their disclaimer constitutes a knowing violation of the law.

Since this is the second violation of MCL 169.247, Mr. Watts believes this a knowing violation and that a **\$1,000** fine, imprisonment for up to **93 days**, or **both** be assessed to Mr. Cohen. If Mr. Cohen was unaware of the responsibilities of being a committee treasurer, then he should not have signed his name to the Statement of Organization.

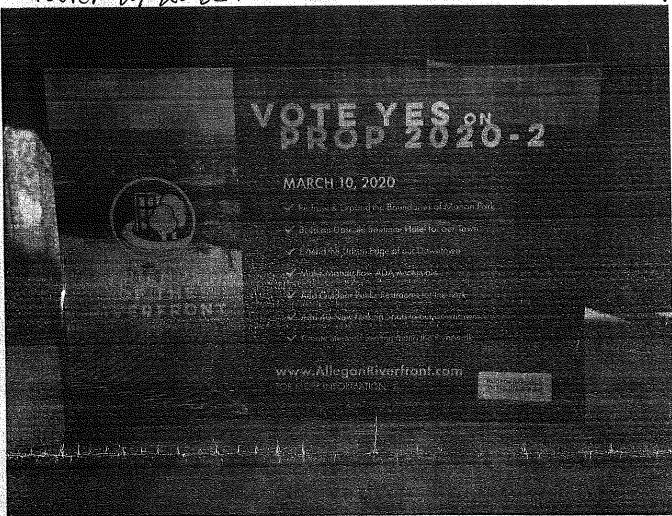
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Jason A. Watts, Complainant

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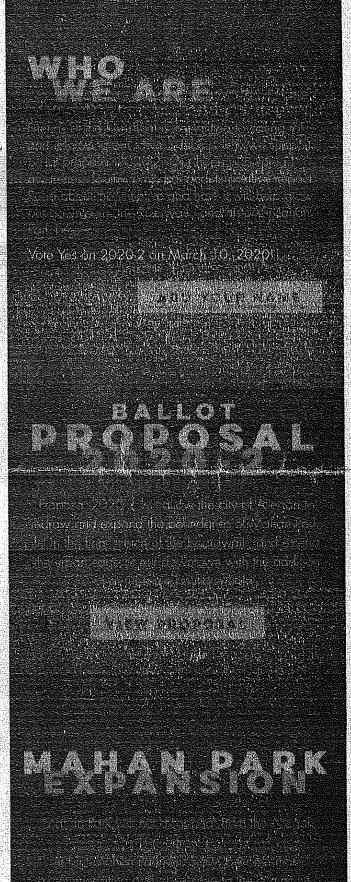
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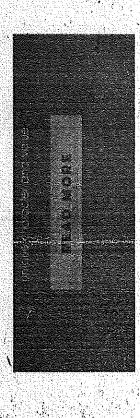
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Mr. Watts further alleges:

1. That Mr. Cohen and *FOR* continue to be in violation of MCL 169.247 by not providing a paid for by or committee address on additional printed material appearing Wednesday, February 5th, 2020.

- 2. That by omitting a proper disclaimer, that Mr. Cohen and **FOR** are trying to obfuscate and mislead the voters of Allegan by omitting that the committee is based in Hillsdale.
- 3. That if Mr. Cohen and his committee were warned of their violation by the Bureau or a related entity, that *FOR* are not currently in full compliance with the law.
- 4. By placing the label on their materials, Mr. Cohen and the committee knew that **FOR** were in violation of the law. This current omission constitutes a knowing violation of the law.

Since this is the <u>third</u> violation of MCL 169.247, Mr. Watts believes this a knowing violation and that a **\$1,000** fine, imprisonment for up to **93 days**, or **both** be assessed to Mr. Cohen. If Mr. Cohen was unaware of the responsibilities of being a committee treasurer, then he should not have signed his name to the Statement of Organization.

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

Jason A. Watts, Complainant

Date

Downtown Allegan Hotel Development Meeting

Join us to learn more!



Thursday February 6th, 2020 at 6PM at the Allegan District Library

Hosted by Friends of the Riverfront



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Campaign Finance Complaint Form
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This complaint form may be used to file a complaint alleging that someone violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA). For instructions on how to complete this form, see the Campaign Finance Complaint Guidebook & Procedures document. All spaces are required unless otherwise indicated.

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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:

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Once completed, mail or hand deliver the complaint form with your evidence to the address below. The complaint is considered filed upon receipt by the Bureau of Elections.

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Friends of the Riverfront is committed to caring for and improving our town, which is why we support ballot proposal 2020-2. Our hope is to spread awareness for this proposal and its positive impact. Read about the initiative and how it will help grow our downtown, the Riverwalk, and historic Mahan Park below.

Vote Yes on 2020-2 on March 10, 2020!

ADD YOUR NAME

BALLOT DDCAL

Proposal 2020-2 will allow the city of Allegan to redraw and expand the boundaries of Mahan Park, fill in the final stretch of the boardwalk, and extend the urban edge of our clowntown with the addition of an upscale boutique hotel.

VAEW EPOPOSAL

PARK PARK

Mahan Park will not disappear from the Allegan riverliont.

In fact Mahan Park will grow, become more accommodating and accessible to the community,

and will last decades longer as a memorial to Dr. Mahan and his life of service to his beloved Allegan,

PIEVAVOVINTORE

Over the past few years the City of Allegan has planned to develop 101 Brady Street into an unspecified, mixed use project that would enhance the riverfront and draw more attention to downtown Allegan. In March of 2019, CL Real Estate was selected as the potential developer for this lot and were tasked with assessing the site and constructing a plan for it over the following year. The developers worked with our city and hospitality experts to outline a project that will boild up the invertions and help make it a hub of activity and relaxation without sacrificing its unique charm or history.

READ MORE

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CL Real Estate Development is a family business operated by husband and wife Peter Limberger and Inga Carus. The two have spent their lives in small towns and created CL Real Estate Development to invest in their community and others throughout the Midwest. Peter and Inga's mission is to help revitalize small town America by investing in high quality economic drivers that showcase each town's





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