



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

July 8, 2013

Armani Asad  
12050 Sobieski  
Hamtramck, Michigan 48212

Dear Mr. Asad:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Rachel Srodek 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 Ms. Srodek'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 her complaint, Ms. Srodek provided a copy of a picture of a sign which states "ARMANI ASAD Hamtramck City Council [.]". It appears that there is no paid-for-by statement on the sign.

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 this 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Srodek, 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lori A. Bourbonais". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lori" being more prominent.

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Rachel Srodek

Michigan Department of State  
Campaign Finance Complaint Form

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
MI DEPT 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.*).  
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Please print or type all information.

I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name Rachel Srodek		Daytime Telephone Number 313 475 0387
Mailing Address 2767 Norwalk		
City HAMTRAMCK	State MI	Zip 48212

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Your Name Armani Asad		
Mailing Address 12050 Sobieski		
City HAMTRAMCK	State MI	Zip 48212

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

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

169.247

Explain how those sections were violated:

Does not bear name or address of whom paid for campaign signs

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

**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 Rachel Inodek

Signature of Complainant

6-14-13

Date

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

Section 15(6) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215) required 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 Rachel Inodek

Signature of Complainant

6-14-13

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  
Legal and Regulatory Service Administration  
Richard H. Austin Building - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
430 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918





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

February 14, 2014

Armani Asad  
12050 Sobieski  
Hamtramck, Michigan 48212

Dear Mr. Asad:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Rachel Srodek, which alleged 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 paid-for-by statement on your campaign signs. The Department informed you of this complaint via the enclosed letter on July 8, 2013. You did not respond to the complaint.

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require a person who produces printed material that refers to a candidate 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 her complaint, Ms. Srodek provided a copy of a picture of a sign which stated "ARMANI ASAD Hamtramck City Council [.]". The sign does not appear to contain any paid-for-by statement. The evidence presented by Ms. Srodek suggests that you failed to include a complete identification statement on the fundraising solicitation in violation of section 47(1) of the MCFA.

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" if it determines that there may be a reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred. Pursuant to this authority 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 material that refers to your candidacy, 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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Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Rachel Srodek