



Michigan Department of State Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure 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), the Candidate for Office Financial Disclosure Act, or the Public Officers Financial Disclosure Act (financial disclosure acts). Electronic submission of the form to BOFRegulatory@michigan.gov is strongly recommended. For instructions on how to complete this form, see the Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Complaint Guidebook document. All spaces are required unless otherwise indicated.

Section 1. Complainant

Your name		Daytime telephone number
Paul Foust		(269) 203-6194
Mailing address		
8561 E D Ave.		
City	State	Zip
Richland	MI	49083
Email (recommended)		
paul.j.foust@wmich.edu		

Section 2. Alleged Violator (Respondent)

Name		
Keshia Dickason		
Mailing address		
2607 Lomond Drive		
City	State	Zip
Kalamazoo	MI	49008
Email (recommended)		
keshia.dickason@gmail.com		
Committee ID (optional)		
Kalamazoo County: #55591.		

Please include email addresses to expedite processing time and mitigate mail delays.

Section 3. Allegations (use additional sheets if more space is needed)

I allege a violation of the following:

- ☒ MCFA
- ☐ Public officer disclosure
- ☐ Candidate disclosure

Identify the section(s) of the MCFA or relevant financial disclosure act section(s) alleged to be violated and explain how the section(s) were violated:

I allege that Keshia Dickason has violated Section 24 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. On 10/27/2025, Ms. Dickason was ordered by the Kalamazoo County Clerk's office to amend her Committee, due to a lost reporting waiver. As of March 8, 2026, Ms. Dickason has not filed an amended Statement of Organization. This is a clear violation of Section 24 of the MCFA, which requires timely updates to all Campaign Committees and their documents.

I also allege that Ms. Dickason is in violation of Section 47 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. She is producing campaign materials, namely yard signs, that are completely devoid of the required "Paid for by" verbiage, as well the complete mailing address of the Committee. I have attached a photo that proves Ms. Dickason violated Section 47 of the Act. Please investigate.

Evidence included with the submission of the complaint that supports the allegations:

Enclosure 1: Email, Kalamazoo County Government, 10/27/2025.
Enclosure 2: Original Statement of Organization for Committee #55591.
Enclosure: Photo of the Yard Signs that Violate the Act.

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.



03-10-2026

Signature of complainant

Date

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

If, after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, you are unable to certify that certain factual contentions are supported by evidence as indicated above, you may 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:

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 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. MCL 169.215(16).

The financial disclosure acts prohibit a person from filing a complaint with a false certification. MCL 169.313(7); MCL 15.713(7).

Section 6. Submission

Once completed, submit the complaint form with your evidence to BOERegulatory@Michigan.gov. Alternatively, you may 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.

Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48918

John B. Curran

From: Elections
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 2:18 PM
To: keshia.dickason@gmail.com
Cc: shardaelljones@gmail.com
Subject: Action Required: Reporting Waiver Ineligibility and Statement of Organization Update

Dear Committee to Elect Keshia Dickason,

Our office has reviewed your committee's Pre-Election Report and determined that your committee has **received or expended more than \$1,000 during this election cycle**. As a result, your committee is **no longer eligible for a reporting waiver** under state campaign finance law.

Because your committee has exceeded the \$1,000 threshold, you must now file **all future Campaign Statements** according to the regular filing schedule. Please ensure that your filings are submitted on time to avoid any potential late fees or compliance issues.

In addition, your **Statement of Organization** must be updated to reflect this change in reporting status. Please take the following action **before the next Campaign Finance Report is due**:

- File an **amended Statement of Organization** with our office. [Click here to access the form](#).
- On the form, be sure to select the box labeled **"NO, I/We DO NOT WANT TO APPLY FOR THE REPORTING WAIVER."** In Box #2, complete the **"Amendment to Items: 10."** And the **effective date of the change**. You only need to fill in the fields that are being amended.

The information on the Statement of Organization must remain current. If any other changes occur—such as updates to your treasurer, address, or contact information—an amended Statement must also be filed no later than the due date of your next required Campaign Statement. Committees may voluntarily file amendments earlier if desired.

If you have any questions about updating your Statement of Organization or your upcoming reporting requirements, please contact me at 269-384-8080 or elections@kalcounty.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your continued compliance with campaign finance reporting laws.

Sincerely,



Keegen Henschel
Elections Coordinator
Office of the County Clerk/Register of Deeds
o. 269-384-8080
201 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007
www.kalcounty.gov/clerk



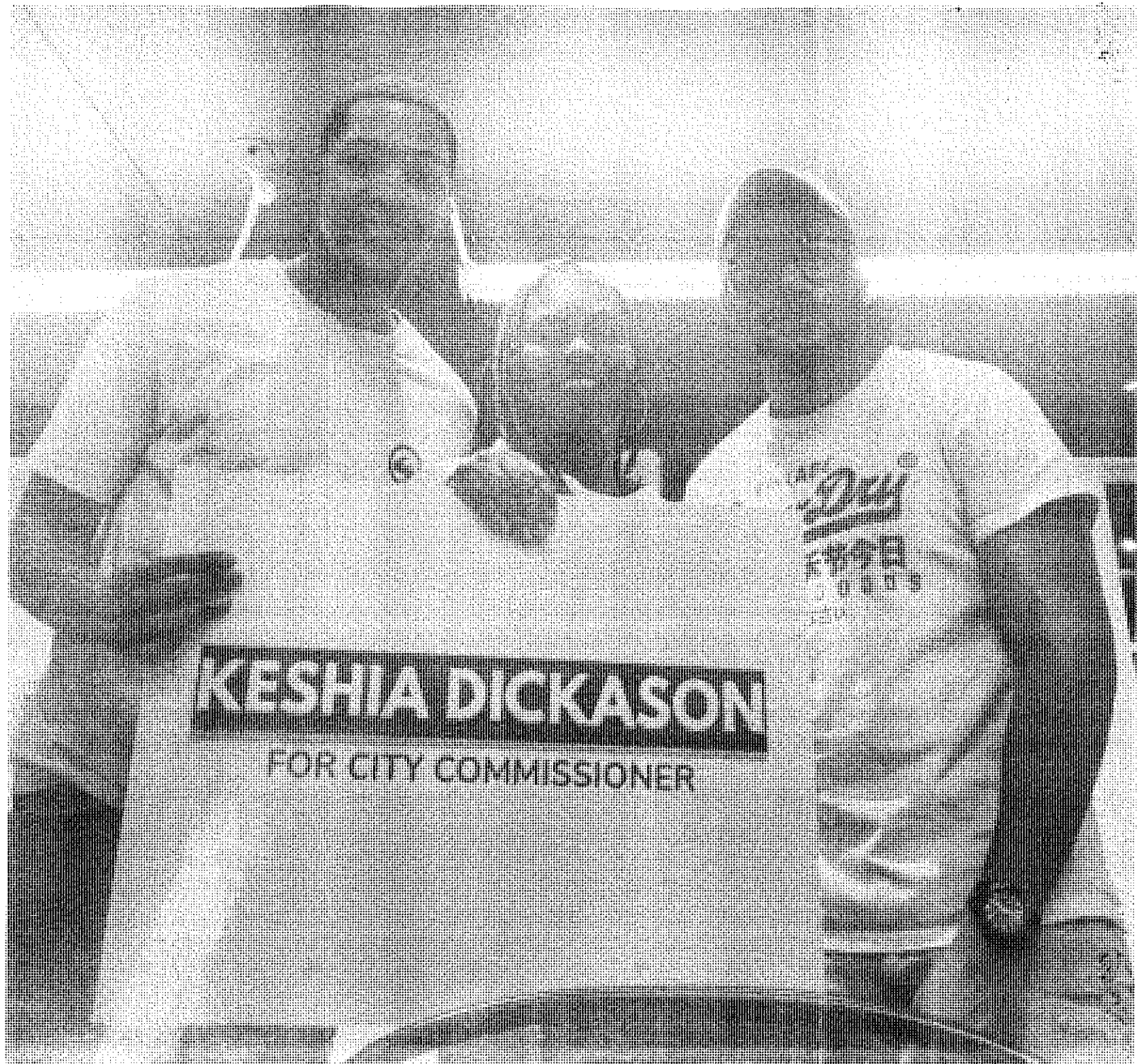


MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

ORIGINAL OR AMENDED

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FORM FOR LOCAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEES FILED WITH A COUNTY CLERK
Information on this form is made public. **RECEIVED**

1. Committee ID #: 55591		*2. Type of Filing: ☒ Original: ☐ Amendment to Items:		Eff. Date: June 3, 2025 JUN 03 2025	
*3. Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name): Keshia Dickason					
*4a. Candidate Full Name: Last Name: Keshia		First Name: Dickason		Kalamazoo County Elections M.I.	
*4b. Political Party (if applicable): Non-Par		*4c. County of Residence: Kalamazoo County			
*4d. Office Sought: City Commissioner		*4e. District or Jurisdiction:			
*5. Date Committee was Formed: June 3rd 2025					
*6a. Committee Phone: 269-929-0610		6b. Committee Fax #:			
*6c. Committee Email Address: Keshia.Dickason@gmail.com		6d. Committee Website Address:			
*7a. Complete Committee Mailing Address (May be PO Box): 2607 Leonard drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008					
*7b. Complete Committee Street Address (May not be PO Box): 2607 Leonard drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008					
*8. Treasurer Name and Complete Residential Address: Shardae Chambers 3306 Alpine St Kalamazoo, MI 49004					
Phone #: 313-673-2803		Email Address: ShardaeLJones@gmail.com			
9. Designated Record Keeper Name and Complete Address:					
Phone #:		Email Address:			
*10. REPORTING WAIVER REQUEST: ☒ YES, I/We WANT TO APPLY FOR THE REPORTING WAIVER. The committee does not expect to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I/We understand that if the committee does not spend or received in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election, the committee does not owe detailed campaign statements. I/We further understand that the Reporting Waiver will be automatically lost if the committee exceeds the \$1,000.00 threshold and all required campaign statements must be filed. A Reporting Waiver does not exempt a committee from filing Late Contribution Reports. ☐ NO, I/We DO NOT WANT TO APPLY FOR THE REPORTING WAIVER. The committee expects to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I/We understand that the committee owes detailed campaign statements even if the committee does not spend or receive in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I further understand that the Reporting Waiver cannot be requested retroactively to avoid filing requirements and to avoid paying late filing fees. Further information regarding Reporting Waivers can be found in Appendix C of the Committee Manual.					
*11. Name and Address of Depositories or Intended Depositories of committee funds. (Michigan Bank, Credit Union or Savings & Loan Association) While this item must be completed, an account does not have to be opened until the first contribution is received. *Official Depository (name and address): Henry Credit Union 4440 Stadium Dr Kalamazoo, MI 49008 Secondary Depository (name and address): Henry Credit Union					
12. Verification: I/We certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of the above statement and that the contents are true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief. If filing campaign statements electronically, we further agree that the signatures below shall serve as the signatures that verify the accuracy and completeness of each statement filed electronically by the committee. I/We certify that all reasonable diligence will be used in the preparation of each statement electronically filed by this committee and that the contents of each statement will be true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief. (Sign Name and Date)					
*Candidate: Keshia Dickason		Date: 6-3-2025		*Current Treasurer: [Signature] Date: 6.3.25	
*Designated Record Keeper (if Applicable)					
Date:					



KESHIA DICKASON

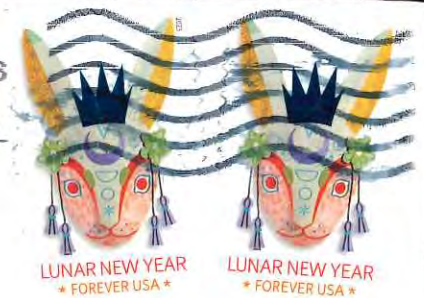
FOR CITY COMMISSIONER



Mr. Paul Foust
8561 E D Ave
Richland, MI 49083

GRAND RAPIDS MI 493

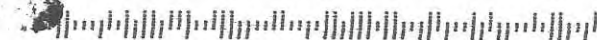
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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March 16, 2026

Keshia Dickason
2607 Lomond Drive
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

Re: *Foust v. Dickason*
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 26-028

Dear Keshia Dickason:

The Department of State (Department) has received a formal complaint filed against you by Paul Foust alleging that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act). Specifically, the complaint alleges that you failed to amend your statement of organization after exceeding the waiver threshold in violation of Section 24 of the Act, and that you did not include the required identification statement on your campaign materials in violation of Section 47 of the Act. A copy of the complaint is included with this notice.

Section 24 of the MCFA requires committees to file a statement of organization with the proper filing official within 10 days after the committee is formed. MCL 169.224(1). Section 24 details specific requirements for all statements of organization that must be filed. See MCL 169.224(2)-(3). A person who fails to file a timely statement is subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000. MCL 169.221(13). A person who fails to file a statement of organization shall pay a late filing fee of \$10.00 per business day the report is not filed, not to exceed \$300. MCL 169.224(1). A person failing to file a statement of organization after 30 days is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000. *Id.* In addition, if any information required by a statement of organization has changed, committees must amend their statements of organization when the next campaign statement is due. *Id.* at (4).

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules also require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election 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 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. The investigation and resolution of this complaint is governed by section 15 of the Act and

the corresponding administrative rules, R 169.51 *et seq.* An explanation of the process is included in the Department's campaign finance complaint [guidebook](#).

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. Your response may include any written statement or additional documentary evidence you wish to submit. Materials may be emailed to BOERegulatory@michigan.gov or mailed 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 answer will be provided to Paul Foust, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing 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.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact the Regulatory Division of the Bureau of Elections at BOERegulatory@Michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Regulatory Division
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Paul Foust



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

April 13, 2026

Keshia Dickason
7680 Timbercreek CT Apt 1
Portage MI, 49024

Re: *Foust v. Dickason*
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 26-028

Dear Keshia Dickason:

The Department of State (Department) has received a formal complaint filed against you by Paul Foust alleging that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act). Specifically, the complaint alleges that you failed to amend your statement of organization after exceeding the waiver threshold in violation of Section 24 of the Act, and that you did not include the required identification statement on your campaign materials in violation of Section 47 of the Act. A copy of the complaint is included with this notice.

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Michigan Department of State

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May 08 2026

Shardae Chambers
OBO Keisha Dickason
3306 Alpine St
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Re: *Foust v. Dickason*
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 26-028

Dear Shardae Chambers:

The Department of State (Department) has received a formal complaint filed against Keisha Dickason by Paul Foust alleging that the campaign violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act). Specifically, the complaint alleges that the campaign failed to amend its statement of organization after exceeding the waiver threshold in violation of Section 24 of the Act, and that it did not include the required identification statement on its campaign materials in violation of Section 47 of the Act. A copy of the complaint is included with this notice.

We have attempted twice to contact the candidate directly but have been unable to reach the campaign. We have included all correspondence related to this complaint for your records.

Section 24 of the MCFA requires committees to file a statement of organization with the proper filing official within 10 days after the committee is formed. MCL 169.224(1). Section 24 details specific requirements for all statements of organization that must be filed. See MCL 169.224(2)-(3). A person who fails to file a timely statement is subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000. MCL 169.221(13). A person who fails to file a statement of organization shall pay a late filing fee of \$10.00 per business day the report is not filed, not to exceed \$300. MCL 169.224(1). A person failing to file a statement of organization after 30 days is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000. *Id.* In addition, if any information required by a statement of organization has changed, committees must amend their statements of organization when the next campaign statement is due. *Id.* at (4).

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A copy of your answer will be provided to Paul Foust, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing 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.

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Sincerely,

Regulatory Division
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Paul Foust



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
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June 02, 2026

SECOND NOTICE

Keshia Dickason
7680 Timbercreek CT Apt 1
Portage MI, 49024

Treasurer: Shardae Chambers
3306 Alpine St
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Re: *Foust v. Dickason*
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 26-028

Dear Kiesha Dickason:

The Department of State (Department) has received a formal complaint filed against you by Paul Foust alleging that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act). Specifically, the complaint alleges that the campaign failed to amend its statement of organization after exceeding the waiver threshold in violation of Section 24 of the Act, and that it did not include the required identification statement on its campaign materials in violation of Section 47 of the Act. A copy of the complaint is included with this notice.

We attempted twice to contact the candidate Keisha Dickason directly on March 16, 2026 and April 13, 2026, but were unable to reach the campaign. We have included all correspondence related to this complaint for your records.

The Department sent Shardae Chambers notice of this complaint on **May 08, 2025**. That letter informed you that you had 15 business days from that date to provide a response to the complaint. **As a courtesy, the Department is extending you an opportunity to submit a response within 15 business days of the date of this second notice.** If you do not submit a response within 15 business days of the date of this notice, the Department will have no choice but to adjudicate the complaint based on the facts and allegations included in the complaint alone. A copy of the initial notice is included with this notice.

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A copy of your answer will be provided to Paul Foust, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing 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.

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Sincerely,
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Michigan Department of State

c: Paul Foust



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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August 17, 2026

Keshia Dickason
7680 Timbercreek Court
Apartment 1
Portage, Michigan 49024

Shardae Chambers
Treasurer, CTE Keshia Dickason
3306 Alpine Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49004

Re: *Foust v. Dickason*
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 26-028

Dear Keshia Dickason:

The Department of State (Department) has received a formal complaint filed against you by Paul Foust alleging that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act). This letter concerns the disposition of that complaint.

The complaint alleged that you violated Section 24 because you failed to file required reports or an amended Statement of Organization (SofO) with the county clerk's office after exceeding the waiver limit. The complaint attached a letter from the clerk's office in support of this contention. In addition, the complaint alleged that you violated Section 47 because your campaign produced a campaign sign without the necessary disclosure statement. The complaint attached a photograph of you holding a campaign sign with the words "Keshia Dickason for City Commissioner." No disclosure statement is visible.

You did not respond to the complaint. Therefore, the Department proceeds to the determination stage of the investigation based on the evidence contained in the complaint and upon its own review of Kalamazoo County's campaign finance database and consultation with the county clerk staff.

Upon review, the evidence submitted supports the conclusion that a potential violation of Section 47 of the Act has occurred, but does not support the conclusion that a potential violation of Section 24 has occurred.

Section 47 Violation

Section 47 of the MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election 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 Department first considers whether the materials fall within the ambit of the MCFA. Because the campaign sign explicitly advocate for your election, it contains express advocacy as defined by the Act. MCL 169.206(2)(j). As explained above, such materials must contain a “paid for by” statement listing the name and address of the committee purchasing the materials. However, the evidence shows that the campaign sign at issue does not appear to include this disclosure statement. That absence supports the conclusion that a potential violation of the MCFA has occurred.

After reaching this conclusion, the Act 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.*

Given this, the Department concludes that a formal warning is a sufficient resolution to the complaint and is hereby advising you that MCL 169.247(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 referencing you or your candidacy produced in the future must include this identification statement. For all materials currently in circulation, the paid for by statement must be corrected. If this information has been included in your materials and you wish to rebut the Department’s conclusion, you must respond in writing to the Department to BOERegulatory@Michigan.gov within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Otherwise, the Department will treat the complaint as resolved.

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).

Section 24 Violation

Section 24 of the MCFA requires committees to file a statement of organization with the proper filing official within 10 days after the committee is formed. MCL 169.224(1). Section 24 details specific requirements for all SofOs that must be filed, including a committee’s street address and telephone number. See MCL 169.224(2)-(3). Candidates may also use the SofO request a filing waiver if they do not expend or receive more than \$1,000 for each election. MCL 169.224(5). Failure to file a statement of organization more than 30 days after it is required is a misdemeanor

subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, and a late fee of not more than \$300.00. MCL 169.224(1). Further, candidates who receive or expend more than \$1,000 are then subject to the filing requirements of Section 33. MCL 169.233(6).

The Department has reviewed the evidence submitted in this matter. The Department has also reviewed Kalamazoo County's campaign finance database and consulted with the clerk's staff. The Department finds that insufficient evidence has been presented to support a finding of a potential violation of Section 24 of the MCFA. Based upon the Department's review, it appears that the committee did begin filing the necessary campaign statements after the county informed it of the loss of waiver in October 2025. Upon consultation with the county, the Department has determined that your committee is in good standing.

The Department therefore dismissed the portion of the complaint relating to an alleged violation of Section 24. The Department's file in this matter has been closed and no further enforcement action will be taken.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Callie Dendrinis".

Callie Dendrinis,
Regulatory Attorney
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