Campaign Finance Complaint Form GAN DEPT OF STATE Michigan Department of State (1987) 14 AM 10: 33

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						
David M. Bennett		Daytime Telephone Number (989) 350 - 0477				
Mailing Address		17777330 0777				
809 Greenwood Ln.						
City Gaylord	State /// T	zip 49735				
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Section 2. Alleged Violator						
Mailing Address Dipzinski	5 .	4				
5217 Clubhouse Ti	rail					
Gaylord	State MI.	^{zip} 49735				
Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional s	heet if more space i	s needed.)				
Section(s) of the MCFA violated: 169, 233 (6) and (7)						
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Evidence that supports those allegations (attach copies of pertinent	documents and other in	nformation):				
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No campaign committee was formed according to the original Statement of Organization filed by Mike Dipzinski on April 23rd, 2018 (copy requested on August 2nd, 2018 from the Otsego County clerk). No additional Statements of Organization have been filed or amended to indicate the \$1000.00 limit was exceeded. (See attached request, receipt, and Statement of Organization).

All printed material, signs, banners, bumper stickers, & Tee shirts state the following: "Paid for by the Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinski" as do the radio advertisements that were aired on Eagle 101.5 WMJZ-FM prior to the August 7th Primary election. (See attached photos).

Similar expenditures made by the Committee to Re-Elect Dave Matelski (Committee I.D. # 93724) would indicate the \$1000.00 limit was exceeded by Mike Dipzinski, however, no such amendment was on file at the time of close for the August 7th Primary election, July 27th, 2018 @ 5:00PM.

Listed below are examples of similar expenditures from the Committee to Re-Elect Dave Matelski (See attached receipts).

- 250 small yard signs (18" X 24"), \$831.99
- 10 Medium signs (48" X 48"), \$470.23
- Radio advertising @ Eagle 101.5 WMJZ-FM, \$700.00

Total Expenses for similar items of lesser quantity from the Committee to Re-Elect Dave Matelski equaled \$2002.22.

While it is understood that signage can vary in cost, Mike Dipzinski has over 400 small signs, 30 medium signs, along with at least 10 very large banners, over 20 customized Tee shirts, Bumper stickers, as well as campaign advertisements that were broadcast on the same radio station. While I cannot confirm the actual number of Bumper stickers in circulation there were many affixed to vehicles around the county during the election cycle.

Given the actual number of signs along with additional expenses for Tee shirts, Bumper stickers, and radio advertising it would appear that the \$1000.00 limit was exceeded Mike Dipzinski and therefore should require reporting under the MCFA.

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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

Suzan DeFeyter Otsego County Clerk 225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

Per the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, Act 388 of 1976, 169.236, Section 36 (7). I would like to request copies of the following information for The Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinski:

- Original Statement of Organization.
- Amended Statement of Organization.
- Candidate Committee Cover page(s).
- Summary Page(s) Candidate Committee.
- Itemized Contributions Schedule 1A (All).
- Itemized Expenditures Schedule 1B (All).
- Dissolution of Candidate Committee, if applicable.

Thank you,

David M. Bennett

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EGO COUNTY CLERK

RECEIPT DATE PAGE 115106 08/02/18

GAYLORD, MI 49735 989-731-7500

RECEIVED OF DAVE BENNETT FOR THE ITEMS INDICATED BELOW:

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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. 1. Committee ID #: *2. Type of Filing: 🖳 Original: Amendment to items: *3. Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name): | *4a. Candidate Full Name: Last Name

*4b. Political Party (if applicable): Republican *4c. County of Residence: 0 +5 = 90 *4e. District or Jurisdiction: *6a. Committee Phone: 989 - 350 - 64706 6b. Committee Fax #: *6c. Committee Email Address: 6d. Committee Website Address: *7a. Complete Committee Mailing Address (May be PO Box): *8. Treasurer Name and Complete Address: Phone #: **Email Address:** 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 in an election. I/We understand that if the committee does not spend or received in excess of \$1,000 in an election, the committee does not owe Pre, Post and Quarterly Campaign Statements. I/We further understand that the Reporting Waiver will be automatically lost if the committee exceeds the \$1,000 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 in an election. I/We understand that the committee owes Pre, Post, Quarterly Statements even if the committee does not spend or receive in excess of \$1,000 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): Secondary Depository (name and address): 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: .// *Current Treasurer

*Designated Record Keeper (If Applicable)

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PLEASE COMPLETE ND_IV BELOW (Print or Type) - See Reverse Side for Important Notifications **OFFICE** Received by No. of Petition Sheets or Receipt No. USE Reviewed by Date of Filing ONLY Jurisdiction/District of Office Sought ُم CFR I.D. No. CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION Name DIDZIASKA Birth date (Middle) Have you changed your name within the last 10 years for reasons other than marriage (or divorce)?

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No If yes, enter full former name here (See "Section A" on reverse) I WISH TO HAVE MY NAME APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRINTED BELOW (Please print upper & lower case - nicknames/titles not permitted. See "Sec. B" on reverse.) Residence Address (Street Address, City, Zip Code); Mailing Address (See "Section C" on reverse): years. Resident of Michigan for $\,arphi\,$ I am a citizen of the United States: I am registered and qualified to vote at the address listed above: **OFFICE SOUGHT** District/Circuit # (if applicable) Date of Election: Primary Election 2 9 - 2 -General Election [1/1] Republicus
(Note: If filing a Qualifying Petition list "No Party Affiliation") If a partisan office, list political party ☐ Partial Term Expiring: M M Term of Office Regular Term Judicial Candidates Only (See "Section D" on reverse) ☐ Incumbent Position ☐ Non-Incumbent Position ☐ New Judgeship FILER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT - This filing contains the following (check all that apply): Nominating or Qualifying Petitions (Estimated number of signatures: If nominating petitions are filed: Filing Fee of \$100.00 (if applicable) Destroy petitions in January Certification of Party Nomination and Certificate of Acceptance (if applicable) Return petitions in January Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (judicial candidates only) Affidavit of Candidacy (incumbent judicial candidates only) IV. CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT AND ATTESTATION By signing this affidavit, I swear (or affirm) that the facts I have provided are true. I further swear (or affirm) that the facts contained in the statement set forth below are true. (See Section "E" on reverse for further information.) At this date, all statements, reports, late filing fees, and fines due from me or any Candidate Committee organized to support my election to office under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, PA 388 of 1976, have been filed or paid. I acknowledge that making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury – a felony punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. (MCL 168.558, 933 and 936) SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE > Joth Name of Notary Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of My commission expires Acting in the County of Signature of notary public

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinski

From: Super Cheap Signs into@supercheapsigns.com

Subject: Order Receipt #052218010 Date: May 22, 2018 at 10:42:14 AM

To: David Bennett benne252@yahoo com



HELLO David! Thank you for your order! Your credit card has been charged the amount shown below.

ORDER# 052218010

ORDER DATE 05/22/18

BILL TO

David Bennett 809 Greenwood Lane Gaylord MI 49735

SHIP TO

David Bennett 809 Greenwood Lane Gaylord MI 49735

ITEM AND OPTIONS

OTY COST

Misc Charge

ID#: 245638

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Product Details: NON-STANDARD ITEM - Screen

SHIPPING SERVICE: UPS

SUBTOTAL: 734,99

CREDIT CARD TYPE: American

TAX: 0.00

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SHIPPING:

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DISCOUNT:

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TOTAL: 734.99

Terms & Conditions | Return Policy

Jhank you!

From: info@supercheapsigns.com

Subject. Super Cheap Signs Transaction Receipt

Date: May 25, 2018 at 1:07:29 PM

To: benne252@yahoo.com

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General Information

Merchant Account: Super Cheap Signs Date/Time: 05/25/2018 12:07:26 PM CDT

Transaction Information

Order ID: 52218010

Description: Upgrade

Transaction Amount: \$97.00

Transaction ID: 4126833493

Authorization Code: 215657

Transaction Type: Card Sale

Response: APPROVED

AVS Results: Exact match, 5-character numeric ZIP

CSC Results: CVV2/CVC2 Match

Customer Billing Information

First Name : David

Last Name: Bennett

Address: 809 Greenwood Lane

City: Gaylord

State: MI

Zip Code: 49735

Country: US

Phone:

From: Super Cheap Signs into the superches pring is com-

Subject. Order Receipt #052918070 Date: May 29, 2018 at 6:03:06 PM

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HELLO David! Thank you for your order! Your credit card has been charged the amount shown below.

ORDER # 052918070

ORDER DATE 05/29/18

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Big Campaign Signs

ID#: 246282

Product Details: Corrugated Plastic, 48x48, 2 Sides, Full

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SHIPPING SERVICE: UPS

CREDIT CARD TYPE: American

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SUBTOTAL: 431.40

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SHIPPING: 51.77

DISCOUNT: 12.94

TOTAL: 470.23

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

August 17, 2018

Mike Dipzinski 5217 Clubhouse Trail Gaylord, Michigan 49735

Re:

Bennett v. Dipzinski

Campaign Finance Complaint

No. 2018-08-65-33

Dear Mr. Dipzinski:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by David Bennett against you alleging that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq*. 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*. A copy of the complaint and supporting documentation is enclosed with this letter.

The MCFA requires candidates and committees file contributions and expenditures with the appropriate filing official by specific dates. MCL 169.233(1) – (3). The MCFA requires a committee that receives or expends more than \$1,000 during any election to file campaign finance reports in compliance with the Act. MCL 169.233(6). A person who knowingly omits or underreports expenditures required to be disclosed by the Act is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 or the amount of the expenditures omitted or underreported, whichever is greater. MCL 169.233(11).

Mr. Bennett alleges that your committee has printed campaign materials and failed to properly report expenditures. According to the complaint, your committee has a reporting waiver, and has printed approximately 430 yard signs, 10 large banners, 20 custom t-shirts, and broadcasted campaign advertisements on the radio. Mr. Bennett alleges that based upon costs from a second candidate, this would be in excess of the \$1,000 reporting-waiver threshold.

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

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. All materials must be sent to the Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West

Mike Dipzinski August 17, 2018 Page 2

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 Mr. Bennett, 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 penalty provided in section 33(11) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (517) 373-2540.

Sincerely,

Adam Fracassi

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

c: David Bennett

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

From: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 9:14 AM

To: 'David Delaney'

Subject: RE: Bennett v Dipzinski Campaign Finance Complaint No.2018-08-65-33

David,

The Department acknowledges your request for an extension of time to file an answer to the campaign finance complaint filed by David Bennett against Mike Dipzinski. The Department understands that additional time is needed due to the necessity to meet with your client about the allegations in the complaint and your inability to do so due to scheduling conflicts, the holiday weekend, and your loss of power. The Department therefore finds there is good cause to grant a 15-business day extension pursuant to MCL 169.215(5). Please note that the original due date was September 10, 2018. The new deadline is October 1, 2018.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Adam Fracassi

Election Law Specialist Bureau of Elections Michigan Department of State 430 West Allegan Street Lansing, Michigan 48918 (517) 373-2540

From: David Delaney <dmdlawyer@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 12:01 PM

To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov>

Subject: Re: Bennett v Dipzinski Campaign Finance Complaint No.2018-08-65-33

The dates I am in the office I have previously scheduled litigation matters.

On Mon, Aug 27, 2018 at 11:58 AM David Delaney < dmclamyer@gmail.com wrote:

With Labor Day weekend approaching my client and I have varying vacation schedules.

This will not permit an opportunity to process, meet, review and file the documentation on or before September 10, 2018.

Thank you

On Mon, Aug 27, 2018 at 11:44 AM Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov > wrote:

If you are requesting an extension, you do so through me. Section 15 requires a showing of good cause in order to grant a 15 business day extension.

From: David Delaney < <u>dmdlawyer@gmail.com</u> > Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:29 AM To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < <u>FracassiA@michigan.gov</u> >
Subject: Re: Bennett v Dipzinski Campaign Finance Complaint No.2018-08-65-33
Adam
Is there a contact person and telephone number at the Department to confer with regarding Section 15 of the MCFA?
Specifically, the 15 business day extension to respond and the application of the Act?
Thank you
David
On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 2:55 PM Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov > wrote:
Hi David,
I'm independent in this. My role on behalf of the Department is to act independent and determine whether o not a violation has occurred based upon the evidence submitted. I will review whatever arguments and evidence is presented to me and make a finding.
If needed, the Department's role in this is outlined in Section 15 of the MCFA.

Thanks,
Adam
Adam
From: David Delaney < dmdlawyer@gmail.com >
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 2:46 PM To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov >
Subject: Re: Bennett v Dipzinski Campaign Finance Complaint No.2018-08-65-33
Adam, .
Are you able to discuss application of the statute or are you an independent?
Thanks
David
On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 2:08 PM Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov > wrote:
Hi David,
Hope you are doing well, also.
 You are correct – a response to the complaint is due 15 business days from the date of the letter. The due date appears to be September 10 th (15 business days from August 17 th takes us to Saturday, September

Let me know if you have any further questions.
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Thanks,
Adam Fracassi
Election Law Specialist
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48918
(517) 373-2540
From: David Delaney < dmdlawyer@gmail.com > Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 2:03 PM To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov > Subject: Bennett v Dipzinski Campaign Finance Complaint No.2018-08-65-33
Adam Fracassi
I hope all is well with you.
I have been contacted by Mike Dipzinski regarding your August 17, 2018 letter with respect to the above referenced matter.
Kindly confirm the response date is within 15 business days of the date of the letter or on or before September 7, 2018.

Very truly,

David M. Delaney

P. O. Box 1771

113 N. Illinois Ave.

Gaylord MI 49734

(989) 731-1508

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

From:

Kelli Dipzinski <mkdipzinski@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:44 AM

To: Cc: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) mkdipzinski@gmail.com

Subject:

Bennett v Dipzinski Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2018-08-65-33

Attachments:

Bureau of Elections - Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2018-08-65-33.pdf

Mr. Fracassi,

Thank you for the extension of time to file my response to the complaint filed by David Bennett.

Attached is my letter of response to Complaint No. 2018-08-65-33

Please confirm that you are in receipt of this email with my attached response.

Thank you, Mike Dipzinski Mike Dipzinski 5217 Club House Trail Gaylord, MI 49735

Adam Fracassi Bureau of Elections Michigan Department of State 430 W. Allegan, 1st Floor Lansing, MI 48918

Re:

Bennett v. Dipzinski

Campaign Finance Complaint

No. 2018-08-65-33

Dear Mr. Fracassi,

This letter responds to your letter dated August 17, 2018, informing me of a complaint filed against me, alleging that I violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 et seq.

I am a graduate of Gaylord High School and earned an Associate Degree from Ferris State University. I was an employee of the Otsego County Road Commission for nearly 26 years. During that time, I worked as a mechanic in the repair shop for 19 years and worked on the road crew for almost 7 years. I have lived in the Gaylord area all my life and this is the first time I have campaigned for a political office.

Mr. Bennett claims that I exceeded my expenses for signs. Some of the signs and banners were purchased without my knowledge or direction. The t-shirts and bumper stickers were also purchased without my knowledge or direction. Mr. Bennett's examples of similar expenditures are not evidence as required by the MCFA.

I would like to resolve this matter as soon as possible and would be interested in entering into a Conciliation Agreement if warranted. I do no feel I exceeded my expenses in this campaign.

Sincerely,

Mike Dipzinski Candidate



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

September 26, 2018

David Bennett 809 Greenwood Lane Gaylord, Michigan 49735

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Mike Dipzinski, 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 <u>within 10 business days</u> 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,

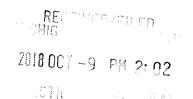
Adam Fracassi

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

c: Mike Dipzinski

October 4, 2018



David M Bennett 809 Greenwood Ln Gaylord, MI 49735

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

Re:

Campaign Finance Complaint

No. 2018-08-65-33

Dear Mr. Fracassi:

Please accept this rebuttal as it relates to Mr. Dipzinski's response dated September 25th, 2018.

In Mr. Dipzinski's response he states that some of the signs and banners were purchased without his knowledge or direction. While the costs associated with these purchases may not have been paid for directly by Mr. Dipzinski they were in fact purchased on his behalf and were used to advance his campaign. On the original Statement of Organization Mr. Dipzinski requested a Reporting waiver; this waiver is inclusive of all expenditures and contributions regardless of the source and must not exceed \$1000.00.

Mr. Dipzinski's response also states that some of the signs and banners were purchased without his knowledge or direction, however, this would also indicate that he did have some knowledge and did provide direction for some, but not all of the materials and advertising that were purchased. Given the knowledge of the cost associated with the purchase of even a single sign and the sheer quantity of signs and banners in circulation it could be concluded the total expenditures would have easily exceeded the \$1000.00 Reporting wavier threshold and therefore would have required filing under the MCFA.

The radio advertisements that were aired during the campaign were done by Mr. Dipzinski in his own voice. These advertisements closed with the statement "Paid for by the Committee to elect Mike Dipzinski". This example specifically identifies that a committee was formed on behalf of Mr. Dipzinski, however no such committee was in existence. This concept holds true with regard to all printed material as well, the photographs included in the original complaint clearly state "Paid for by the Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinski". Based on this evidence Mr. Dipzinski did in fact have knowledge and did provide direction with regard to printed materials and advertising.

Evidence supporting the claim that Mr. Dipzinski did have knowledge and did provide direction can be seen in another of the photographs included in the original complaint. In the photograph Mr. Dipzinski can be seen (8th from the left, back row) wearing one of the printed t-shirts in question, standing in front of a very large campaign sign that states "Paid for by the Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinski".

Furthermore, Mr. Dipzinski's claim that similar expenditures are not evidence as required by the MCFA is false. MCFA 169.215 (6) (c) states "the complainant may certify that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information, or belief, there are grounds to conclude that those specifically identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry." It is my belief that I have included evidence that is likely to support further inquiry.

In conclusion, Mr. Dipzinski has falsely indicated the formation of a committee that does not exist; this was stated in both the printed materials and the radio advertising. Along the same lines Mr. Dipzinski has not contested the cost of signage or the number of signs and banners purchased, only that they were purchased without his knowledge or direction. Regardless, this material was used to benefit his campaign and it is both reasonable and likely to conclude he exceeded the reportable limits defined under the MCFA.

Mr. Dipzinski has expressed interest in resolving this matter quickly and is open to a Conciliation Agreement that would bring this matter to a close. I would only ask that any such agreement include the disclosure of all contributions and expenditures in order to provide the transparency for which this Act was intended.

Thank you in advance for looking into this matter.

Sincerely,

Davia M Bennett



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

Lansing

October 10, 2018

Mike Dipzinski 5217 Club House Trail Gaylord, Michigan 49735

Re:

Bennett v. Dipzinski

Campaign Finance Complaint

No. 2018-08-65-33

Dear Mr. Dipzinski:

This letter concerns the complaint that was recently filed against you, which relates to a purported violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq*. The Department of State has received a rebuttal statement from the complainant, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

Section 15(10) of the MCFA, MCL 169.215(10), requires the Department to determine within 45 business days from the receipt of the rebuttal statement whether there is a reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred. The complaint remains under investigation at this time. At the conclusion of the review, all parties will receive written notice of the outcome of the complaint.

Sincerely,

Adam Fracassi

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

c: David Bennett



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

December 21, 2018

Mike Dipzinski c/o David Delaney, esq. 5217 Club House Trail Gaylord, Michigan 49735

Via E-mail: dmdlawyer@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Dipzinski:

The Department of State (Department) continues to investigate the campaign finance complaint filed against you which alleged several violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA). In order to reach a conclusion, the Department requests written answers to the following questions together with any invoices demonstrating the costs:

- 1. Please identify the total number and cumulative amount of contributions you raised in connection with the primary election on August 7, 2018.
- 2. Please identify the total amount of expenditures incurred in connection with the primary election on August 7, 2018 and produce any and all invoices for such expenditures.
- 3. Please identify the total number of signs the campaign purchased, the cost of each, and the total cost spent on signage.
- 4. Please identify the total amount spent on radio advertisements and produce any and all invoices for such advertisements.
- 5. Please identify the total amount spent on t-shirts and produce any and all invoices for such advertisements.
- 6. In your response, you indicated that campaign materials were purchased without your knowledge. Please identify such campaign materials and the individual that purchased them, if known.
- 7. Please identify the total number and cumulative amount of contributions you raised in connection with the general election on November 6, 2018.
- 8. Please identify the total amount of expenditures incurred in connection with the general election on November 6, 2018 and produce any and all invoices for such expenditures.
- 9. Please identify your candidate committee's total account balance.

Please submit the requested information to the Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918 by January 7, 2019. The information may also be emailed directly to me. It is essential that the Department receives this information by the deadline specified.

Mike Dipzinski December 21, 2018 Page 2

Please be advised that if the Department is unable to resolve the matter through informal methods, the Department 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 penalty provided in section 33(11) of the Act.

Sincerely,

Adam Fracassi

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

Michael D. Dipzinski 5217 Clubhouse Trail Gaylord, MI 49735

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

Dear Mr. Fracassi:

This is in response to your letter (email) dated December 21, 2018, requesting further information regarding my campaign for Otsego County Road Commissioner.

- 1. There was a total of \$300.00 in contributions in connection with the August 7, 2018 election. One contribution for \$100.00 and the second contribution for \$200.00. These contributions were used toward the radio advertisement.
- 2. The amount of expenditures are \$1,465.00 for signs, \$300.00 for radio ads and \$30.00 for t-shirts. The expenditures for signs were purchased by my spouse on her credit card and is an assumed personal debt. For total of \$1,795.00 in total expenditures.
- 3. Total amount of signs purchased were \$1,175.00. 300 signs were \$2.25 each, 50 signs were \$5.00 each, 50 signs were \$3.00 each, 5 signs were \$20.00 each and shipping totaling \$290.00
- 4. The radio advertisement for the August 7, 2018 election cost \$300.00
- 5. The t-shirts were purchased and paid for by an outside party, that I paid in cash of \$30.00 to for t-shirts for my family to wear. The remainder of the t-shirts were paid for by individuals who wanted them.
- 6. Banners and bumper stickers were purchased and paid for by outside parties. I did not purchase these items.
- 7. There were no contributions for the November 6, 2018 election.
- 8. There were no expenses for the November 6, 2018 election.
- 9. There was no campaign checking/savings account setup, therefore there is no account balance.

Attached are the receipts for the purchases paid with the \$300.00 in contributions, my own personal check for the radio advertising and credit card purchases for the remainder of the signs.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions at 989-350-0631.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Dipzinski

defined by the MCFA in Section 3, the \$100.00 threshold per calendar year per candidate for fund raising tickets, as provided in Section 44, does not apply.

A state or local candidate committee that uses committee funds to purchase a ticket to a federal candidate committee fund raiser as an incidental office expense is limited to the \$100.00 per calendar year per candidate as outlined in Section 9 of the MCFA.

Credit Card Expenditures: A committee may make expenditures via credit card. These expenditures are reported based on the committee type and the holder of the credit card. Credit card expenses involve additional considerations and care must be taken to fully report and track the debt records, interest payment and revolving payments in the committee records. Most commonly, there are 3 situations that the committee may find in the use of a credit card.

- 1. A committee has its own credit card in the name of the committee and the committee makes payments to that credit card company
- 2. A candidate of a committee or their spouse uses his or her personal credit card to make expenses on behalf of the committee
- 3. A committee volunteer uses his or her personal credit card to make expenses on behalf of the committee with the understanding that the committee will promptly provide reimbursement

A committee that has been issued a credit card (the name of the committee is on the credit card) can make expenditures on that credit card at any time. At the time that the committee discloses making a payment to the credit card company, the committee must memo-itemized all of the expenses made on the credit card that have not been previously disclosed.

- If the debt to the credit card company is paid in full within the reporting period, the committee is not required to report the expenses on the Debts and Obligations schedule.
- If the debt to the credit card company is not paid in full within a reporting period, the committee must disclose the outstanding debt owed to the credit card company.

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Expenditures And Disbursement

Fund Raisers - See Appendix

Recording and Reporting Expenditures

When a Written
Instrument is Require
Treasurer's
Responsibility - See
Appendix A

Acceptable Expenditures

Petty Cash Fund
In-Kind Expenditures
Incidental Expense
Disbursements
Automobile Expenses
Use of Independent
Contractors - See
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Prohibited Expenditures
Dissolution of Committee - See

Appendix W

Transfer of Funds - See Appendi Term Limited Candidates

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Interest paid on a debt over the amount of the original debt is reconciled at the end payment period and can be shown as an expenditure to the credit card company for interest.

A candidate or the candidate's spouse that uses his or her personal credit card to make expenses on behalf of the committee is in fact making in-kind contributions to the committee. How the in-kind contributions are reported depends on when the reimbursement is made to the candidate/spouse.

• If the reimbursement to the candidate/spouse is being made in the same reporting period as the in-kind contribution, the committee reports the reimbursement to the candidate/spouse and memo sub-itemizes the vendors where the goods/services were purchased. The reimbursement is made to the candidate/spouse, not

the credit card company. In this situation, the committee does not report anything on the Debts and Obligations Schedule or the In-kind Contribution Schedule.

• If the reimbursement to the candidate/spouse is being made in a *subsequent reporting period* as the in-kind contribution, the committee reports receiving the in-kind contribution from the candidate/spouse and reports the vendor where the goods/services were purchased on the In-kind Contribution Schedule. The contribution can be listed as a loan that is owed back to the candidate and must be added to the Debts and Obligations Schedule. The credit card company does not appear on the In-kind Contribution Schedule or Debts and Obligations Schedule at all as the committee does not owe the credit card company; the candidate/spouse is assuming this debt as personal debt. When the committee is able to reimburse the candidate/spouse in a subsequent reporting period, a payment is reported on the debt owed to the candidate/spouse. The payment should be reported on both the Direct Expenditure Schedule and the Debts and Obligations Schedule. (If committee is unable to reimburse the candidate/spouse, the debt must be listed as forgiven on the Debts and Obligations Schedule at the time of dissolution of the committee.)

A committee volunteer that uses his or her personal credit card to make expenses on behalf of the committee with the understanding that the committee will promptly reimburse him or her is not making an in-kind contribution. In this case, the volunteer is assuming personal responsibility for the debt and the credit card company does not appear on the campaign statement.

- If the reimbursement to the volunteer is made in the same reporting period as the purchases, the committee
 reports the reimbursement to the volunteer and memo sub-itemizes the vendors where the goods/services
 were purchased. The reimbursement is made to the volunteer, not the credit card company. In this situation,
 the committee does not report anything on the Debts and Obligations Schedule or the In-kind Contribution
 Schedule.
- If the reimbursement to the volunteer is made in a subsequent reporting period as the purchases, the committee reports the expenditures as an in-kind debt owed to the volunteer in the current campaign statement. The debt is carried forward until the reporting period it is brought to zero. When the committee makes a payment to reimburse to the volunteer the committee, a direct expenditure is made to the volunteer; not the credit card company. The purpose of the expenditure should be made clear that the payment is for an in-kind contribution or loan from the volunteer.
- If the volunteer is not repaid, the debt must be listed as forgiven by the volunteer to the extent that the volunteer does not exceed the contribution limit. Care must be taken to ensure that the contributions limits are not exceeded inadvertently.

Credit Card FAQs

Can my committee use a credit card to make expenditures? Yes. There are several ways that a committee might use a credit card. Depending on the situation, care must be taken to report the activity timely and accurately by the committee.

How do I report credit card expenses if the committee has a credit card in its name? At the time that the committee discloses making a payment to the credit card company, the committee must memo-itemized all of the expenses made on the credit card that have not been previously disclosed. If the debt to the credit card company is paid in full within the reporting period, the committee is not required to report the expenses on the Debts and Obligations schedule. If the debt to the credit card company is not paid in full within a reporting period, the committee must disclose the outstanding debt owed to the credit card company. Interest paid on a debt over the

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Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

From:

Susan Defeyter <sdefeyter@otsegocountymi.gov>

Sent:

Friday, February 1, 2019 3:22 PM

To:

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

Subject:

RE: Bennett v. Dipzinski - Campaign Finance Complaint

Mr. Fracassi,

I just received your voicemail, and Mr. Dipzinski did not file any campaign finance paperwork with me.

Thanks

Suzy DeFeyter

From: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) [mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 3:06 PM

To: Susan Defeyter <sdefeyter@otsegocountymi.gov> **Subject:** Bennett v. Dipzinski - Campaign Finance Complaint

Ms. DeFeyter,

Please find attached a copy of the Department's determination in the abovementioned campaign finance complaint. It has been requested that Mr. Dipzinski come in and file reports related to his 2018 campaign. Please call me if you have any questions.

Adam Fracassi

Bureau of Elections

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

From:

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

Sent:

Friday, February 1, 2019 3:08 PM

To:

'Kelli Dipzinski'; 'David Delaney'

Subject:

Bennett v. Dipzinski

Attachments:

Determination.pdf

Please find attached correspondence in the abovementioned campaign finance complaint. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Adam Fracassi

Election Law Specialist Bureau of Elections Michigan Department of State 430 West Allegan Street Lansing, Michigan 48918 (517) 373-2540

From: Kelli Dipzinski < mkdipzinski@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 1:15 PM

To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov>

Subject:

Attached is my response to your letter dated December 21, 2018.

Thank you, Mike Dipzinski



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

February 1, 2019

Michael Dipzinski 5217 Clubhouse Trail Gaylord, Michigan 49735

Re: Bennett v. Dipzinski

Campaign Finance Complaint

No. 2018-08-65-33

Dear Mr. Dipzinski:

The Department of State (Department) has concluded its investigation into the formal complaint filed against you by David Bennett alleging violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq*. This letter concerns the disposition of the complaint.

Mr. Bennett filed his complaint on August 14, 2018 alleging that you failed to form a campaign committee, failed to file a statement of organization, and you exceeded the \$1,000 reporting waiver threshold. As evidence to his complaint, Mr. Bennett provided copies of expenditures for similar items in a lesser quantity incurred by another candidate committee.

Via letter dated September 25, 2018, you filed a response indicating that some signs, banners, t-shirts, and bumper stickers were purchased without your knowledge or direction. You indicated that you did not exceed the waiver threshold.

Mr. Bennett then filed a rebuttal on October 9, 2018. His rebuttal states that even if your committee did not directly purchase these items, they were purchased on your behalf with the intent of furthering your campaign, and the reporting waiver is inclusive of all expenditures and contributions regardless of the source. Mr. Bennett further indicated that certain campaign materials were printed whose paid for by statement indicated your committee paid for said materials.

The Department then asked for additional information on December 21, 2018. As part of the additional questioning, the Department specifically sought the total number of contributions raised and expenditures incurred for the August 7, 2018 Primary election. You responded by email on January 3, 2019 indicating that you raised a total of \$300 in contributions and had a total of \$1,795 in expenditures: \$1,465 for signs, \$300 for radio advertising and \$30 for t-shirts. You indicated that the expenditures for the signs were made by your spouse on her personal credit card and claimed it was a personal debt not required to be reported.

Mike Dipzinski February 1, 2019 Page 2

The MCFA requires candidates and committees file contributions and expenditures with the appropriate filing official by specific dates. MCL 169.233(1) – (3). The MCFA requires a committee that receives or expends more than \$1,000 during any election to file campaign finance reports in compliance with the Act. MCL 169.233(6). A person who knowingly omits or underreports expenditures required to be disclosed by the Act is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 or the amount of the expenditures omitted or underreported, whichever is greater. MCL 169.233(11).

Upon review, the Department determines that the evidence submitted supports the conclusion that a potential violation of the MCFA has occurred. The MCFA requires a statement of organization and campaign finance reports to be filed when a committee expends or receives more than \$1,000 during any election. MCL 169.233(6). Based upon your answers, you received \$300 in contributions and an additional \$1,465 in in-kind contributions and \$330 in expenditures.

The MCFA Defines an "In-Kind Contribution" as a contribution or expenditure other than money. MCL 169.209(4). "Contribution" is defined as "a payment . . . contract, payment for services, dues, advance, forbearance, loan, or donation of money or anything of ascertainable monetary value . . . made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate." MCL 169.204(1).

Here, the payments made by your spouse must be considered as in-kind contributions because they were payments for services made for the purpose of influencing the nomination of a candidate. You indicated that the \$1,495 is "assumed personal debt" and therefore does not need to be reported. However, the MCFA does not recognize such a category. The fact that your spouse paid for certain expenditures does not mean that the committee is exempted from disclosure, rather it means that your spouse has made an "in-kind contribution" to your committee totaling \$1,495.

It also appears that your reference to the Department's guidance on reporting has been misinterpreted. The Department's guidelines dictate how to report a spouse using a personal credit card. If the committee reimbursed your spouse during the same reporting period that your spouse used her personal credit card, then your report filed should list the reimbursement and memo-itemize each expenditure being reimbursed.

However, if the reimbursement is being made in a different reporting period (e.g. after the primary), then the debt should be reported on either the Debts & Obligations schedule or the In-Kind Contribution schedule, and the expenditure made to your spouse should be listed as a "loan repayment."

Therefore, based upon the evidence, the Department concludes that the evidence supports a reason to believe a violation has occurred. Upon reaching this conclusion, the Department is required 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*.

Mike Dipzinski February 1, 2019 Page 3

As part of the informal resolution, the Department requests you file a statement of organization and any additional reports your committee has failed to file to date – including but not limited to a pre-primary and post-primary report. These reports should be filed no later than February 22, 2019 and must disclose all contributions, in-kind contributions, and expenditures associated with your campaign. A copy of these reports should be sent to the Department (via mail or email).

Upon the filing of the proper reports, the Department will review your statement in order to determine what further enforcement action may still be necessary. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Adam Fracassi

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

C: Susan DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

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Friends 3 < mkdipzinski@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, February 22, 2019 9:47 AM

To: Subject: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) Re: Bennett v. Dipzinski

Attachments:

02.22.2019 state of mi.pdf

Mr. Fracassi,

Attached is a letter and the documents requested for the campaign committee.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you, Mike Dipzinski

On Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 3:07 PM Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov > wrote:

Please find attached correspondence in the abovementioned campaign finance complaint. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Adam Fracassi

Election Law Specialist

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

430 West Allegan Street

Lansing, Michigan 48918

(517) 373-2540

From: Kelli Dipzinski < mkdipzinski@gmail.com >

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 1:15 PM

To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov>

Subject:

Attached is my response to your letter dated December 21, 2018.

Thank you,

Mike Dipzinski

Mike Dipzinski 5217 Clubhouse Trail Gaylord, MI 49735

February 22, 2019

Adam Fracassi Bureau of Elections Michigan Department of State 430 W. Allegan, 1st Floor Lansing, MI 48918

Re:

Bennett v. Dipzinski

Campaign Finance Complaint

No. 2018-08-65-33

Dear Mr. Fracassi,

Attached are the signed and stamped documents required for the "The Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinski". There is no further income or expenses to be reported beyond what is being provided. Please let me know if there are any further filing periods that need to be provided. I would also like to dissolve the Candidate Committee. Please provide a filing date in order to do this. Once I have the information, I will provide it to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and I hope this resolves this matter.

Yours truly,

Mike Dipzinski

Otsego Road Commissioner

CANDIDATE COMMITTEE COVER PAGE

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COVER PAGE					
Report must be legible, typed or printed in ink and the treasurer (or designated record keeper) and o	d signed by andidate.	3. This Statement covers	From: 4	/11 /201810 _	7/22/2018
1. Committee I.D. Number 937.7 <i>5</i>		4. Candidate Last Nam Dipzinski	e	First Name Mike	м.i. D
2. Committee Name The Committee to Elect N	like.		sioner. Of		lf applicable) -Y, M-342- <i>135</i> :115-
5. Committee's Mailing Address	Dzinski	4b. County of Residence	Otsego		
5217 Clubhouse Tr.		6. Treasurer's Name & F		iss	FILED
Gaylord, MI 49735		5217 Clubho		l	FEB 2 2 2019
Area Code and Phone 187356-0631 If the address in this box is different from the commmalling address on the Statement of Organization,	littee	Gaylord, M		OTSE	GO COUNTY CLERK
be sent to this address by the filing official.	men may	Area Code & Phone	<u>989-356.</u>	0631	
7. Treasurer's Business Address		Designated Record K Designated Record Kee	eeper's Name ar per)	nd Address (If the co	ommittee has a
5217 ClubhouseTr. Gaylord, MI 49735		Kelli Dipzir 5217 Clubho Gaylord, Mi	nski VseTr. 49735		
Area Code and Phone 989-350-063	<u>/</u>	Area Code and Phone		0-5497	
9. TYPE OF STATEMENT				olution of Candida	ite Committee
9a. Pre-Election OR 9b. Post-Election	Required ON is not on the current year:	ILY if candidate ballot for the	Iby the cor	mmittee to the cand	Ve certify any outstanding debt lidate or his or her spouse is here
Pre-Election or Post-Election Statement relates to: Primary	July Quart	erly	by discha	roed and forgiven, a	and no longer collectible from se has no oustanding assets.
General	October Q	uarterly	Further if	the dissolution con-	not be granted, that this be
Convention			considere	d a request for the F	Reporting Waiver.
Special	9cAnnua	Statement ()			
School		Coverage Year		Effective date of dis	ssolution
Caucus	(Comp	dment to Campaign Staten lete Item 9a, 9b, 9c or 9e i e which Statement is being ed.)	to Note: The	disposition of resid	dual funds must be reported on ary Page.
Date of Election, Convention or Caucus 8/7/2018				ı	
10. Verification: I/We certify that all reasonable dilige	ence was used i	n the preparation of this st	atement and atta	ached schedules (if	any) and to the best of
Current Treasurer or Designated Record keeper Type or Print Name	INSKI	Signature	poli	——— Date	2/21/19
Candidate Mike Dipzinski Type or Print Name		Maria De Kel	junt.	Date .	2/21/19
Type or First Name		Signature			<u> </u>

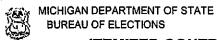


1. Committee I.D. Number	43775
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SUMMARY PAGE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

2. Committee Name The Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinsk

RECEIPTS		Column I	Column II
3. Contributions		This Period	Cumulative this election cycle
a. Itemized (Schedule 1A - Column 6)	(3a.) \$	300.00	
b. Unitemized (less than \$20.01 each - no Schedule)	(3b.) \$	NOT APPLICABLE	
c. Subtotal of "Contributions"		300.00	(18.)\$ 300 °°
4. Olher Receipts (Schedule 1A -1, Column 6)		<u></u>	(19.)\$
5. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER RECEIPTS (Add Line 3c + Line 4)		300.00	(20.)\$ 300 66
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS & EXPENDITURES			
6. In-Kind Contributions (Schedule 1-IK, Column 7)	(6.) \$	1975.00	(21.)\$ 197500
7. In-Kind Expenditures (Schedule 1B-IK, Column 6)	(7.) \$	4	(22.) \$
EXPENDITURES			·
8. Expenditures		**	
a. Itemized (Schedule 1B, Çolumn 6)	(8a.) \$	30.00	
b. Itemized Get-Out-the-Vote (Schedule 1B-G)	(8b.) \$		
c. Unitemized (less than \$50.01 each - no Schedule)	(8c.) \$		
9. TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Add Line 8a + Line 8b + Line 8c)	(9.) \$	30. <u>00</u>	(23.)\$ 3000
INCIDENTAL EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS. (Officeholders Only)			
10. Disbursements a. Itemized (Schedule 1C, Column 6)	(10a.)\$ _		
b. Unitemized (less than \$50.01 each - no Schedule)	/10h) #		
11. TOTAL INCIDENTAL EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS (Add Line 10a + Line 10b)			
DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS 12. Debts and Obligations	(11.) \$	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(24.)\$
a. Owed by the Committee (Schedule 1E)	(12a.) \$	1465.00	
b. Owed to the Committee (Schedule 1E)			
	(12b.) \$ BALAN	ICE STATEMENT	r .
13. Ending Balance of last report filed	(13.) \$_	D	_
(Enter zero if no previous reports have been filed.) 14. Amount received during reporting period	(14.) + \$	300.00	
(Line 5, Total Contributions & Other Receipts) 15, SUBTOTAL Add lines 13 and 14	(15.) = \$	^	
16. Amount expended during reporting period		1495.00	
(Add lines 9 and 11) 17. ENDING BALANCE	(16.) - \$_	17 13,00	_
(Subtract line 16 from line 15)	(17.) \$ _	(1143.00)	*



ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS **SCHEDULE 1A**

1. Committee I.D. Number

CANDIDATE COMMITTEE 2. Committee Name 1020	ommittee to blect Mike Dibsiber
Enter contributor's name and address. If contribution is from an individual, enter last name, first name, middle Initial. Check box to indicate if contribution is from a Political Committee or an Independent Committee (PAC) Report <u>all</u> contributions regardless of amount.	6. Amount 7. Cumulative for Election Cycle for Each Contributor (Through date of receipt)
3. Contribution #1 PAC Receipt? YES 4. Date of Receipt 7/10/2018	
J. KurtTucker 215 South Court Ave Gaylord, MI 49735 i. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:	s 200°° s 200°°
i. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: Occupation <u>Auditor</u> Employer <u>MiduxSt Professionals</u>	Click Here for Memo Itemization
Business Address 215 South Court Ave Gaylord Mil 49735 Type of Contribution: Direct Loan from a person Fund Raiser	
Contribution #2 PAC Receipt? YES 4. Date of Receipt 6/25/2018 lame & Address Larry Roback.	
16,15 AltorfStrasse Gaylord: MI 49735	\$ 100°°° \$ 100°°°
i. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: Occupation Retired Employer	Click Here for Memo Itemization
Susiness Address	
. Contribution #3 PAC Receipt? YES 4. Date of Receipt	
	\$
i. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:	Click Here for Memo Itemization
Occupation Employer	
Business Address	
Type of Contribution: Direct Loan from a person Fund Raiser	
. Contribution # 4 PAC Receipt? YES 4. Date of Receipt	
•	\$
i. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:	
Occupation Employer	Click Here for Memo Itemization
Business Address	
Type of Contribution: Direct Loan from a person Fund Raiser	
Page Subtotal	\$300.00

Grand Total of All Schedules 1A (Complete on last page of Schedule)

Enter this total on line 3a of Summary Page.



ITEMIZED IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE 1-IK

1. Committee I. D. Number 93775

CANDIDATE COMN	IITTEE 2. Committee Name Committee to Elec	7 Mike Dipzinski
3. Name and Address from whom received if contribution is from an individual, enter last name first. Check box to indicate if contribution is from a Political Committee or an independent Committee (Both are commonly called PACs). Report all in-kind contributions.	4. Type of In-Kind Contribution (Check applicable box) 5. Date of Receipt 6. Name & Address of Vendor from whom goods or services were purchased	7. Amount or Fair Market Value 8. Cumulative for Election Cycle (Through date in Item 5)
Contribution #1 PAC Receipt? Yes Name & Address: Vichole Roback 316 Pinecrest DT: Gaylord M149735 If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: Occupation: Employer Name & Business Address:	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others-LOAN Description Bumper Stickers 5. Date Of Receipt: 7/9/2018 6. Vendor Name & Address: Buildasign com 1/525A Stonehollow Stc. 100 Austin, TX 78758	\$2.50 \$ 82.50
Fund Raiser Contribution Contribution #2 PAC Receipt? Yes Name & Address CINDY HOFF 4028 OHAWATY. Johannes burg MI 4975/ If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: Occupation:	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated	328 <i>00</i> \$ <u>3</u> 28.00
Employer Name & Address: Gaylord Comm. Schools Elim St. Gaylord, M149735 Fund Raiser Contribution	6. Vendor Name & Address:	k Here for Memo Itemization
Contribution #3 PAC Receipt? Yes Name & Address: Jenvifer Boughner 659 Marquard + Gaylord M1 49735 If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: Occupation: Employer Name & Address:	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others-LOAN Description Banner 5. Date Of Receipt: 6. Vendor Name & Address: Clic Candidate or Others-LOAN Clic Company Comp	100 to \$ 100 to
Fund Raiser Contribution	14 Central Ave Kensington MN 56343 Page Subtotal Grand Total of all Schedules 1-1K	510.50
	(Complete on last page of Schedule)	Enter this total

Enter this total on line 6 of Summary Page



ITEMIZED IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE 1-IK 1. Committee I. D. Number

93775

CANDIDATE COMM	AITTEE 2. Committee Name The Committee	sito Elect Mike Dipzi
Name and Address from whom received from an individual, enter last	4. Type of In-Kind Contribution (Check applicable box)	7. Amount or 8. Cumulative
name first. Check box to indicate if contribution	5. Date of Receipt	Fair Market for Election
is from a Political Committee or an Independent Committee (Both are commonly called PACs).	6. Name & Address of Vendor from whom goods or services were	Value Cycle (Through date in Item 5)
Reportall in-kind contributions.	purchased	
Contribution #1 PAC Receipt? Yes	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan	
Name & Address:	Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated	
Kelli Dipzinski	Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others	570° \$ 570°
5217 ClubhouseTr	Ferrand	
Gaylord, Mi 49735 If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:	Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others- LOAN	
Occupation:	Description Signs	
Employer Name & Business Address;	5. Date Of Receipt: 6/11/2018	
Midwest Professionals	6. Vendor Name & Address:	
216 South Court Ave	AGE Graphics LLC Clic	k Here for Memo Itemization
Claylord, Mi 49735	52231 State Route 248	
Fund Raiser Contribution	Long Bottom, OH 45743	
Contribution # 2 PAC Receipt? Yes	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan	
Name & Address	Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated	
Kelli Dipzinski 5217 ClubhouseTr.	Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others	305 \$ 305
<u> </u>	Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others- LOAN	
Gaylord, M. 49735		
If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: Occupation:	Description Signs	
Employer Name & Address:	5. Date Of Receipt: 4/25/2018	
Midwest Professionals	6. Vendor Name & Address:	
5217 ClubhouseTr.	AGE Graphies 110. CIIC	k Here for Memo Itemization
Elaylord, MI 49735	AGE Graphics, LLC CIIC 52231 State Route 248	
Fund Raiser Contribution	Long Bottom, OH 45743	
Contribution #3 PAC Receipt? Yes	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan	
Name & Address:	Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated \$	29000 \$ 29000
Kelli Dipzinski		<u>210</u> \$ <u>290</u>
balt ClubhouseTr.	Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others	
Gaylord, MI 49735	Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others- LOAN	
If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:	Description Signs	
Occupation:	5. Date Of Receipt:	
Employer Name & Address:	6. Vendor Name & Address:	
Midwest Professionals	AGE Graphics LLC Clic 52231 State Route 248	k Here for Memo Itemization
215 South Court Are	52231 State RAILE 248	
_Caylord MI 49735	Long Botton, OH 45743	
Fund Raiser Contribution	======================================	
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	Grand Total of all Schedules 1-IK	
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ITEMIZED IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE 1-II		0.17.5
CANDIDATE COMM	IITTEE 2. Committee Name The Committee	to Elect Mike Dipzi
3. Name and Address from whom received if contribution is from an individual, enter last name first. Check box to indicate if contribution is from a Political Committee or an Independent Committee (Both are commonly called PACs). Report all in-kind contributions.	4. Type of In-Kind Contribution (Check applicable box) 5. Date of Receipt 6. Name & Address of Vendor from whom goods or services were purchased	7. Amount or Fair Market Value 8. Cumulative for Election Cycle (Through date in Item 5)
Contribution #1 PAC Receipt? Yes Name & Address: Kelli Dipzinski 5217 ClubhouseTr. ClubhouseTr. ClubhouseTr. ClubhouseTr. ClubhouseTr. ClubhouseTr. ClubhouseTr. Coupalion: Employer Name & Business Address:	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others-LOAN Description	\$ 150°° \$ 150°°
Midwest Professionals 215 South Court Ave Gaylord, MI 49726 Fund Raiser Contribution	6. Vendor Name & Address:	Click Here for Memo Itemization
Contribution #2 PAC Receipt? Yes Name & Address Kelli Dipzinski 5217 Clubhouse Tr.	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated X Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others-LOAI	150° \$ 150°
Glaylord, MI 49735 If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: Occupation: Employer Name & Address: Midwest Professionals	Description 519 ns 5. Date Of Receipt: 7/17/2018 6. Vendor Name & Address:	
215 South Court Are Gaylord, MI 49735 Fund Raiser Contribution	AGE Graphics, LLC 52231 Stat Route 248 Long Bottom. OH 45743	Click Here for Memo Itemization
Contribution #3 PAC Receipt? Yes Name & Address:	4. Endorsement or Guarantee of Bank Loan Goods Donated or Loaned Services Donated \$_ Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others Goods or Services Purchased by Candidate or Others-LOAN	\$
If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: Occupation: Employer Name & Address:	Description 5. Date Of Receipt: 6. Vendor Name & Address:	Click Here for Memo Itemization
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	Grand Total of all Schedules 1 (Complete on last page of Schedu	1 (0116 200)

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SCHEDULE 1B CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

1. Committee I. D. Number _______937.75

2. Committee Name The Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinsk: 4. Purpose (Required Information) 3. Name and address of person or vendor to whom paid Expenditure #1 Name Cindy Huff Address 4028 O Hawa Tr Johannesburg, MI 49751 Click Here for Memo Itemization Type Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous Fund Raiser statement Expenditure #2 Name Date Purpose: Address Click Here for Memo Itemization Type Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous Fund Raiser statement Expenditure #3 Name Address Click Here for Memo Itemization Type Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous Fund Raiser statement Expenditure #4 Name Address Click Here for Memo Itemization Type Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous Fund Raiser statement Expenditure #5 Name Address Purpose: Click Here for Memo Itemization Type Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous **Fund Raiser** statement Subtotal this page 30.00 Grand Total of all Schedules 1B (Complete on last page of Schedule) 30.*0*6

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DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS SCHEDULE 1E

1. Committee I.D. Number _____93775

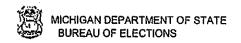
2. Committee Name The Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinski

CANDIDATE COMMITTEE			<u>.</u>	
This Schedule Itemizes:			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	nmittee OR b. Debt eck either a or b. Use only for the pu	s and obligations owed <u>to</u> o	r forgiven <u>by</u> the cor	mmittee.
Name and Mailing Address of person, vendor or financial institution to whom debt is owed. Check box to indicate whether debt is owed to an incorporated business. If debt is a bank loan, please provide information regarding the endorsers or	4. Type of Obligation (Description) 5. Indicate date debt was incurred 6. Indicate original amount of debt	7. Date and amount of each payment	8. Cumulative payment to date on debt	9. Outstanding Balance at close of this period (Item 6 minus Item 8)
guarantors, if any.				
Debt #1 Corp? Yes Owed to or by:	4. Type: Credit Card			,
Kelli Diozinski	5. Date Debt Was Incurred:	s <u>-</u> _		
5217 ClubhouseTr	6/11/18	s <u> </u>		40
Kelli Dipzinski 5217 ClubhouseTr Gaylord Mi 49735	6. Original Amount of Debt:	-	\$ <u>O</u>	\$ <u>570°°</u>
·	\$ 57000	<u> </u>		FORGIVEN
If bank loan, name of endorser or guarantor:		·\$	•	,
Debt #2 Corp? Yes		Amo	ount Endorsed: \$	
Owed to or by:	4. Type: Credit Card	\$- 		İ
Kelli Dipzinski 5217 ClubhouseTr	5. Date Debt Was Incurred:	. –		
5217 ClubhouseTr-	<u> 4/25/2018</u>			
Gaylord, MI 49735	6. Original Amount of Debt:	3	ls	\$ <u>3050</u>
	\$ <u>305</u> 60	<u> </u>		FORGIVEN
		\$		
If bank loan, name of endorser or guarantor:		An	ount Endorsed: \$_	
Debt #3 Corp? Yes Owed to or by:	4. Type: Ciedit Card			
Valli Diozinski	5. Date Debt Was Incurred:	\$		
Kelli Dipzinski 5217 Clubhousetr.	<u> 6/28/2018</u>			
C. 1 d M. 14726	6. Original Amount of Debt:		\$	s 29000
Gaylord, MI 49735	s 29000			FORGIVEN
		<u> </u>		
If bank loan, name of endorser or guarantor:		An	nount Endorsed: \$_	
		Page Subtotal	(Outstanding debt)	116500
Grand Total of all Schedules 15				
(Complete on last page of Schedule showing amounts owed by or to the committee) Enter this total				

A debt or obligation must be shown on this Schedule if there was an outstanding amount owed on it at the closing date of this Campaign Statement or it was forgiven during the period covered by this Campaign Statement.

Enter this total on line 12a "owed by" or line 12b "owed to" of the Summary Page

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DEBTS	AND	OBLI	GAT	IONS
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1. Committee I.D. Number

93775

CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

2. Committee Name The Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinsk.

CANDIDATE COMMITTEE			1150 1172.	
This Schedule Itemizes: a Debts and obligations owed by or forgiven the come (Chec	mittee OR b. Debt	s and obligations owed <u>to</u>	or forgiven <u>by</u> the cor	nmittee.
3. Name and Mailing Address of person, vendor or financial institution to whom debt is owed. Check box to indicate whether debt is owed to an incorporated business. If debt is a bank loan, please provide information regarding the endorsers or guarantors, if any.	4. Type of Obligation (Description) 5. Indicate date debt was incurred 6. Indicate original amount of debt	7. Date and amount of each payment	8. Cumulative payment to date on debt	9. Outstanding Balance at close of this period (Item 6 minus Item 8)
Debt #1 Corp? Yes Owed to or by:	4. Type: Credit Card	<u> </u>		
Kelli Dipzinski 5217 Clubhouse Tr. Gaylord, MI 49735	5. <u>Date Debt Was Incurred:</u>	\$ \$ \$	\$	\$_150 ⁶⁶ XFORGIVEN
If bank loan, name of endorser or guarantor:		\$ An	nount Endorsed: \$ _	
Debt #2 Corp? Yes Owed to or by:	4. Type: Credit Card			
Kelli Dipzinski 5217 ClubhouseTr. Gaylord, Mi 4973S	5. Date Debt Was Incurred: 7/17/20/8 6. Original Amount of Debt: \$ 15000	\$	\$	\$ 150°D X FORGIVEN
If bank loan, name of endorser or guarantor:		A	mount Endorsed: \$_	
Debt #3 Corp? Yes Owed to or by:	4. Type:	\$ \$		
·	6. Original Amount of Debt:	\$ \$ \$	\$	\$FORGIVEN
If bank loan, name of endorser or guarantor:			Amount Endorsed: \$_	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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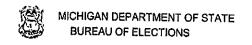
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CANDIDATE COMMITTEE COVER PAGE

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COVER PAGE			
Report must be legible, typed or printed in ink and signed by the treasurer (or designated record keeper) and candidate.	3. This Statement covers From	11 7/23/2018 to	8/27/2018
1. Committee I.D. Number	4. Candidate Last Name	First Name	M.I.
93775	Dipzinski	Mike	\boldsymbol{v}
2 Committee Name	4a. Office Sought Including Dis		ed (if applicable)
2. Committee Name	Road Commiss	ioner. Otsean Co	onty M-342-135-115
The Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinski	4b. County of Residence	,0	118
5. Committee's Mailing Address	6. Treasurer's Name & Reside	ential Address	
5217 Clubhouse Tr.	Mike Dipz	inski	FILED
Gaylord, MI 49735	5217 Clubbe		FEB 2 2 2019
	Gaylord, M		
Area Code and Phone 989-350-063 / If the address in this box is different from the committee			TSEGO COUNTY CLERK
mailing address on the Statement of Organization, mail may	000		
be sent to this address by the filing official.	Area Code & Phone989	530 0631	
7. Treasurer's Business Address	Designated Record Keeper Designated Record Keeper)	's Name and Address (if th	e committee has a
5217 Clubhouse Tr.	Kelli Dipzinst	<u>Li</u>	•
Gaylord, MI 49735	5217 Clubhouse	2Tr.	
	Gaylord, Mi	49735	
Area Code and Phone	Area Code and Phone 99	39-350-5497	•
9. TYPE OF STATEMENT		9e. Dissolution of Cano	lidate Committee
Required Of	NLY if candidate ballot for the	by the committee to the c	n I/We certify any outstanding debt andidate or his or her spouse is here
Pre-Election or Post-Election Statement relates to:		by discharged and forgive	en, and no longer collectible from mittee has no oustanding assets,
Primary July Quart	terly ·	owes no lates fees or has	any oustanding debt.
General October C	Quarterly	Further, if the dissolution	cannot be granted, that this be
Convention		considered a request for t	he Reporting Waiver.
Special 9c. Annua	al Statement ()		1
School	Coverage Year	Effective date of	f dissolution
	idment to Campaign Statement plete Item 9a, 9b, 9c or 9e to		
	te which Statement is being	Note: The disposition of r Schedule 1B and the Sun	esidual funds must be reported on numbers Page.
Date of Election, Convention or Caucus	•		
8/1/2018			
10. Verification: IWe certify that all reasonable diligence was used my/our knowledge and belief the contents are true, accurate and co	in the preparation of this statemomplete.	ent and attached schedule	s (if any) and to the best of
Current Treasurer or Designated Record Reeper Kelli Dipzinski	. Kerr Diame	noh:	7/21/2019
Designated Record keeper FCII DIPZINSKI Type or Print Name	Signature -	Date	2/21/2019
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Candidate MIKE DIPZINSKI	1 Mucher W. bely	ayoh Dat	2/21/2019
Type or Print Name	Signature /		/ /



1. Committee I.D. Number ____

93775

SUMMARY PAGE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

2. Committee Name The Committee to Elect Mike Dipzinsk

RECEIPTS			
3. Contributions		Column I This Period	Column II Cumulative this election cycle
a. Itemized (Schedule 1A - Column 6)	(3a.) \$	0.00	
b. Unitemized (less than \$20.01 each - no Schedule)	(3b.) \$	NOT APPLICABLE	
c. Subtotal of "Contributions"	(3c.) \$	0.00	(18.)\$ <u>300.00</u>
4. Other Receipts (Schedule 1A -1, Column 6)	(4.) \$		(19.) \$
5. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER RECEIPTS (Add Line 3c + Line 4)	(5.) \$	0.00	(20.)\$ 300.00
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS & EXPENDITURES			
6. In-Kind Contributions (Schedule 1-IK, Column 7)	(6.) \$	0.00	(21.)\$ 1975.00
7. In-Kind Expenditures (Schedule 1B-iK, Column 6)	(7.) \$		(22.) \$
EXPENDITURES			
8. Expenditures			
a. Itemized (Schedule 1B, Column 6)	(8a.) \$	300.00	
b. Itemized Get-Out-the-Vote (Schedule 18-G)	(8b.) \$		
c. Unitemized (less than \$50.01 each - no Schedule)	(8c.) \$		·
9. TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Add Line 8a + Line 8b + Line 8c)	(9.) \$	300.00	(23.)\$ 33000
INCIDENTAL EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS (Officeholders Only)			
10. Disbursements a. Itemized (Schedule 1C, Column 6)	(10a.)\$		
b. Unitemized (less than \$50.01 each - no Schedule)	/40: \ #		
11. TOTAL INCIDENTAL EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS (Add Line 10a + Line 10b)			
DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS 12. Debts and Obligations	(11.) \$		(24.) \$
a. Owed by the Committee (Schedule 1E)	(12a.) \$		
b. Owed to the Committee (Schedule 1E)	(12b.) \$		
	BALANCI	STATEMENT	
Ending Balance of last report filed (Enter zero if no previous reports have been filed.)	(13.) \$	(1195.00)	
14. Amount received during reporting period	(14.) + \$	<u> </u>	
(Line 5, Total Contributions & Other Receipts) 15. SUBTOTAL Add lines 13 and 14	(15.) = \$	(1,195.00)	
 Amount expended during reporting period (Add lines 9 and 11) 		300,00	
17. ENDING BALANCE (Subtract line 16 from line 15)	(16.) - \$	() Jac xol	
(capagorine to noti illia 15)	(17.) \$	11773.00/	•



SCHEDULE 1B

1. Committee I. D. Number

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CANDIDATE COMMITTEE 2.1	Committee Name The Committee to Ele	ct Mik	2 Dinzinsk
3. Name and address of person or vendor to whom paid	4. Purpose (Required Information)	5. Date	6. Amount
Expenditure #1 Name Forty Five North Media.	A 1	7/26/20	98 _{\$} _300°
Address P.O. Box 1766 Gaylord, M149735	Purpose: Advertising Click He	Date ere for Memo	Itemization Type
Fund Raiser	Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement		,
Expenditure #2			
Name			
Address	Purpose:	Date	-
	Click He	ere for Memo	Itemization Type
Fund Raiser	Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement		
Expenditure #3			
Name			ę.
Address	Purpose:	Date	<u> </u>
-	Click He	re for Memo	Itemization Type
Fund Raiser	Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous		
Expenditure #4	statement		
Name			
Address	Purpose:	Date	\$
	Click He	re for Memo (Itemization Type
Fund Raiser	Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement		
Expenditure #5			
Name			
Address	Purpose:	Date	\$
Fund Raiser	Click Her Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	e for Memo I	temization Type
	Subtotal	this page	300.00
•	Grand Total of all Sci (Complete on last page of		300.00 300.00

Enter this total on line 8a of Summary Page

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

February 22, 2019

Michael Dipzinski 5217 Clubhouse Trail Gaylord, Michigan 49735

Via Email

Re:

Bennett v. Dipzinski

Campaign Finance Complaint

No. 2018-08-65-33

Dear Mr. Dipzinski:

This letter concerns the campaign finance complaint filed against you by David Bennett, which alleged certain violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 et seq.

In his complaint, Mr. Bennett alleged that you failed to form a campaign committee, failed to file a statement of organization, and you exceeded the \$1,000 reporting waiver threshold.

By letter dated February 1, 2019, the Department found that the evidence provided supported a reason to believe that a violation had occurred. As previously indicated, upon reaching this conclusion, the Department is required 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*.

As part of the informal resolution, the Department asked you to file a statement of organization and any additional reports your committee has failed to file, including a pre-primary and post-primary. The Department requested you file these reports with the Otsego County Clerk (the filing official) and provide a copy of the reports to the Department. These reports were sent via email by the requested date.

The Department has reviewed these statements and is satisfied that you complied with the Department's request. Therefore, the Department determines that this formal warning is a sufficient resolution to the complaint. The Department now considers this matter closed and will take no further action against you at this time.

The Department notes that your committee may be assessed a late-filing fee by the Otsego County Clerk for any statement that was not timely filed. MCL 169.233(7). Late-filing fees are

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assessed and collected by the filing official with whom the statements are filed. MCL 169.217(1). Any questions regarding these late-filing fees should be directed to the Otsego County Clerk.

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.

Sincerely,

Adam Fracassi

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

c: David Bennett

Susan DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

From:

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

Sent:

Friday, February 22, 2019 2:54 PM

To:

'Friends 3'

Subject:

RE: Bennett v. Dipzinski

Attachments:

Disposition letter.pdf

Mr. Dipzinski,

I have received the attached documents and email. Please see attached correspondence. The Department now considers this matter closed and resolved.

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In terms of requesting dissolution of the committee, as the Otsego County Clerk is the filing official, those should be addressed to her.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Adam Fracassi

Election Law Specialist Bureau of Elections Michigan Department of State 430 West Allegan Street Lansing, Michigan 48918 (517) 335-3234

From: Friends 3 <mkdipzinski@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 9:47 AM

To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov>

Subject: Re: Bennett v. Dipzinski

Mr. Fracassi,

Attached is a letter and the documents requested for the campaign committee.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you, Mike Dipzinski

On Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 3:07 PM Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov > wrote:

Please find attached correspondence in the abovementioned campaign finance complaint. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Adam Fracassi **Election Law Specialist** Bureau of Elections Michigan Department of State 430 West Allegan Street Lansing, Michigan 48918 (517) 373-2540 From: Kelli Dipzinski < mkdipzinski@gmail.com > Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 1:15 PM To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) < FracassiA@michigan.gov> Subject: Attached is my response to your letter dated December 21, 2018. Thank you, Mike Dipzinski

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

From:

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

Sent:

Friday, February 22, 2019 2:57 PM

To:

Suzy DeFeyter

Subject:

Bennett v. Dipzinski Disposition

Attachments:

Disposition letter.pdf

Suzy,

The Department has resolved the campaign finance complaint filed against Mr. Dipzinski; a copy of the disposition is attached. I have indicated in the letter that he may be assessed late filing fees by the filing official, if applicable. You should follow your normal course of action with late filings. He has also requested dissolution which I have directed him to speak with you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Adam Fracassi

Bureau of Elections