



**Michigan Department of State**  
**Campaign Finance Complaint Form**

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

Section 1. Complainant			
Your Name <b>Dillon Breen</b>		Daytime Telephone Number <b>734-718-0207</b>	
Mailing Address <b>38987 Stacey Drive</b>			
City <b>Livonia</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48154-1068</b>	
Email (optional)			

Section 2. Alleged Violator			
Name <b>Christine Ingles</b>			
Mailing Address <b>45119 9 Mile Rd.</b>			
City <b>Northville</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48167</b>	
Email (optional)			

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

Section(s) of the MCFA alleged to be violated: **Sec. 47**

Explain how those sections were violated:

**Postcards advocating the violators election to city Council**  
**display an insufficient disclaimer per sec 47(1) of**  
**the MCFA. Does not include the full mailing address**  
**as required.**

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

**Copy of Mail piece recieved.**

#### Section 4. Certification (Required)

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

X

  
Signature of Complainant

10/10/19  
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:*

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X

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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 \$1,000.00 and some, or all, of the expenses incurred by the Michigan Department of State and the alleged violator as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.

#### Section 6. Submission

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

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

FROM: 4280 E. HARTSTONE DRIVE | NOVI, MI 48377

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US POSTAGE  
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Michigan Department of State  
Bureau of Elections  
PO Box 20126  
Lansing, MI 48901-0726

**VOTE FOR CHANGE**  
**VOTE FOR THE THREE C'S**  
**ON TUE NOV 5**

**CAROLYN UPTON**  
NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**CHRISTINE INGLES**  
MAYOR OF NOVI

**COLLEEN CROSSEY**  
NOVI CITY COUNCIL

PAID FOR BY: CAROLYN UPTON, FRIENDS OF COLLEEN CROSSEY, CHRISTINE INGLES MAYORAL CAMPAIGN FUND

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## CONCERNED ABOUT

- OVERDEVELOPMENT THAT'S CAUSING TRAFFIC JAMS AND OVERWHELMING OUR PUBLIC SERVICES
- BUILDERS UPROOTING OUR TREES AND PAVING OVER OUR CITY
- SELECT BUSINESSES RECEIVING CITY COUNCIL APPROVED TAX ABATEMENTS THAT DRAIN FUNDS FROM OUR SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC SERVICES

## CARES ABOUT

- THOUGHTFUL, CONTROLLED GROWTH OF OUR CITY
- OUR WOODLANDS, OUR TREES, AND THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF OUR COMMUNITY
- ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS, OUR POLICE, AND OUR FIREFIGHTERS

## COMMITTED TO

- STANDING UP FOR THE NEEDS AND WANTS OF NOVI RESIDENTS
- DEMANDING THAT DEVELOPERS OBEY THE CITY'S WOODLANDS PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS
- ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY TAX ABATEMENTS TO PRESERVE THE FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS, OUR POLICE, AND OUR FIREFIGHTERS

# GREETINGS FROM NOVI

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MAYOR OF NOVI



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

October 17, 2019

Christine Ingles  
45119 9 Mile Road  
Northville, Michigan 48167

Re: *Breen v. Ingles*  
Campaign Finance Complaint  
No. 2019-10-38-47

Dear Ms. Ingles:

The Department of State (Department) has received a formal complaint alleging you have violated MCL 169.247 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA) by failing to include a complete and correct identification statement on certain campaign-related materials. A copy of the complaint is enclosed.

The complaint was submitted by Dillon Breen to the Department on October 15, 2019 and alleges that you have distributed postcards that did not include a proper paid for by statement. A picture of the mailer is included with the complaint.

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).

Upon review, the evidence submitted supports the conclusion that a potential violation of the Act has occurred. From the outset, the Department must consider whether it is an expenditure covered by the MCFA. The mailer specifically states "Vote for the three C's" next to your name which uses words of express advocacy as defined by the Act. MCL 169.206(2)(j). Because it urges voters to vote for you using words of express advocacy and was published by your committee, the signs are covered by the gambit of the Act and must include the paid for by statement outlined under section 47. MCL 169.206(2)(j). However, while the mailers have included the required paid for by statement, it fails to contain the full mailing addresses of the committee paying for the mailer. Since this is absent, the evidence supports the conclusion that a potential violation has occurred.

Christine Ingles  
October 17, 2019  
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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 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).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "A" and a cursive "Fracassi".

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

Enclosure  
c: Dillon Breen