

Campaign Finance Complaint Form
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NOTED/GREAT SEAL

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		
Your Name <u>Barb Byrum</u>		Daytime Telephone Number <u>517-676-7255</u>
Mailing Address <u>PO Box 179</u>		
City <u>Mason</u>	State <u>MI</u>	Zip <u>48854</u>

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name <u>Dennis Louney</u>		
Mailing Address <u>408 North Clemens Ave</u>		
City <u>Lansing</u>	State <u>MI</u>	Zip <u>48912</u>

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

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

169.257

Explain how those sections were violated:

Commissioner Louney has been using his taxpayer
funded county email account to campaign for county
commission. Specifically, he has used his county email to
solicit donations, request endorsements and strategize, among other things.

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

Please see attached 36 pages.

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

8-7-18

Date

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

Section 15(6) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215) requires that the signed certification found in section 4 of this form be included in every complaint. However, if, after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, you are unable to certify that certain factual contentions are supported by evidence, you may also make the following certification:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, or belief, there are grounds to conclude that the following specifically identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry. Those specific contentions are:

X

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.

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

3/13/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, responded to an invitation to a community event, that he would like to "pick your brain regarding my campaign."

4/9/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, responded to a request to contact the addressee with a simple "Will do!" and attached his campaign fundraiser invitation.

4/5/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, responded to a request for a "chat" regarding his campaign opponent's behavior at a meeting.

4/10/18 Mr. Louney responded to a 4/9/18 email to his Ingham County email address thanking him for the visit and providing the individual's "personal e-mail" address and to "feel free to send fundraiser info [her] way in the future." Mr. Louney, through his Ingham County email address, attached a "fundraiser flyer" and indicated that "it would be great if both of you could attend (any donation is appreciated)." And that he appreciated their support and enthusiasm and looked "forward to continuing to represent" them "at the County level."

4/12/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, requested information regarding the endorsement process for a union and engaged in a dialogue to schedule a meeting to secure a campaign endorsement.

4/17/18 In response to an email requesting "to hear more about the campaign and [Mr. Louney's] priorities as a commissioner," Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, offered dates and times to meet.

4/25/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, requested information regarding the endorsement process for a union and engaged in a dialogue to schedule a meeting to secure a campaign endorsement.

4/27/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, requested information regarding the endorsement process for a union and engaged in a dialogue to schedule a meeting to secure a campaign endorsement.

4/30/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, invited the addressee to his May 31 fundraiser.

5/3/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, initiated email communication with an Ingham County-wide elected official, regarding her endorsing his candidacy. It may be of importance to note that she replied that she would respond from her non-Ingham County email, "during non-work hours."

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5/9/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, sent an email about contacting an indicating regarding a campaign endorsement. Campaign literature was attached and retransmitted from Mr. Louney's Ingham County email address.

5/16/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, responded to an email thread inviting the recipient to his "fundraiser event at the Avenue on May 31."

5/17/18 Mr. Louney, from his Ingham County email address, emailed a flyer for an "upcoming fundraiser."

5/21/18 Mr. Louney responded to a 4/10/18 email to his Ingham County email address indicating that the sender would be out of town for his April 19th fundraiser and if there would be another fundraiser in May. Mr. Louney, through his Ingham County email address, sent information about his May 31st fundraiser, including suggested donation amounts.

5/22/18 Mr. Louney responded to a 5/22/18 email to his Ingham County email address indicating that the sender and their spouse were "planning to stop by" Mr. Louney's fundraiser.

6/17/18

Mr. Louney, through his Ingham County email address, thanked the sender for their "support" and indicated that the fundraiser "should be a fun time!"

Mr. Louney responded to a 6/15/18 email to his Ingham County email address asking for a yard sign. In his response email, sent from his Ingham County email account, he thanked the individual for their "support" and indicated that he would "stop by Monday and deliver your yard sign." He went further in the email to invite the recipient to join him in "canvassing doors," later in the week.

Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:24 PM
To: Corr, Claire
Subject: Re: Sparrow Founders' Day Event

Claire,

Thanks for the invitation. Unfortunately, I have a prior commitment and will be unable to attend.

I would still like to get together for coffee to catch up and pick your brain regarding my campaign. Let me know when you might be available.

Thanks,

Dennis

From: Corr, Claire <Claire.Corr@sparrow.org>
Sent: Friday, March 9, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Sparrow Founders' Day Event

County Commissioner Louney,

Please see the attached invitation to attend the 2018 Sparrow Founders' Day Event on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

We hope you can join us for the celebration.

Sincerely,

*Claire Corr
Labor Community Liaison
1322 E. Michigan Ave Suite 204
Lansing, MI 48912
517.364.3468 (office)
517.420.5306 (cell)*



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Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 3:48 PM
To: Kevin McKinney
Subject: Re:
Attachments: DML 20180419 FR.pdf

Kevin,

Will do!

Dennis

From: Kevin McKinney <kevin@mckinneyandassociates.net>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject:

Hi Dennis – please give me a call tomorrow late afternoon if you can. 517-██████████

Kevin A. McKinney
President
McKinney & Associates
216 N. Chestnut
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 487-2811
kevin@mckinneyandassociates.net



DENNIS LOUNEY

FOR INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Please join us in re-electing Dennis!

Kevin McKinney * Thadd Gormas * Jim Curran * Adrian Hemond * Josh Hovey * Tiffany Dowling * Brian McGrain
* Eric Schertzing * Patrick Lindemann * Kathie Dunbar * Paul Pratt * Bryan Crenshaw * John Shaski * Mary Clark



THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 5:30-7:30 PM

McKinney & Associates/ Gormas & Associates

216 North Chestnut Street, Lansing, MI 48933

SUGGESTED DONATION: HOST \$250; SUPPORTER \$100

DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

PLEASE, NO CASH OR CORPORATE CHECKS.

PLEASE RSVP: SARAH TRESEDDER (STRESEDDER@GMAIL.COM)

CHECKS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE EVENT, MAILED IN ADVANCE TO:

"FRIENDS OF DENNIS LOUNEY"

408 NORTH CLEMENS AVENUE, LANSING, MI 48912

Paid for by "Friends of Dennis Louney" 408 North Clemens Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912

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Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 7:57 AM
To: Corr, Claire
Subject: Re: Hi

Hi Claire,

I'm available all morning if you want to call me. My cell phone number is [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Dennis

From: Corr, Claire <Claire.Corr@sparrow.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:32 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Hi

Hey there. Let me know if you can chat for a minute on Thursday. Your opponent was at the Labor Council meeting tonight. He was very strange, I want to tell you about it.

Have a good night!

In Solidarity,
Claire Corr, Labor Liaison
Sparrow Health System

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Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:37 PM
To: Edwin Bryant
Subject: Re: Upcoming meeting to introduce myself as County Commissioner

Mr. Bryant,

Thanks for the quick response. I look forward to meeting with you and your colleagues tomorrow. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you personally.

Best wishes,

Dennis

From: Edwin Bryant <bryante@lcc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: RE: Upcoming meeting to introduce myself as County Commissioner

Hello Dennis,
We're still meeting in A&S 217 or soon to be 2115 in the north- west corner of the second floor.
We'll plan to see you around 5:30.
All the best,
Ed Bryant
Lansing Community College
5400-Science
A&S Building, Room 303
419 North Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48933
Work Phone: 517-483-1092
Cell Phone: [REDACTED]
bryante@lcc.edu

From: Louney, Dennis <DLouney@ingham.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:06 PM
To: bryante@lcc.edu
Subject: Upcoming meeting to introduce myself as County Commissioner

Dear Mr. Bryant,

As the Current Ingham County Commissioner for District 10 in the City of Lansing, I am writing to you for two reasons:

1. To personally meet with you to discuss the 2018-2019 Ingham County budget. As I begin to review the upcoming budget, I want to make sure I understand your organization's issues and I can best represent your interests at the County level.
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County government plays an essential role in providing support systems in our life. I believe that the Ingham County government has a responsibility to be transparent and engage our citizens. I may be reached by email at dlouneyingham.org or by phone at 517-388-5378. I look forward to meeting with you soon!
Sincerely,

Dennis M. Louney
Ingham County Commissioner
District 10

Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Opportunity to introduce myself as Ingham County Commissioner and learn more about your organization

Dear Mr. Prince,

As the Current Ingham County Commissioner for District 10 in the City of Lansing, I am writing to you for two reasons:

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Ingham County Commissioner
District 10

Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 3:46 PM
To: Brian Brannick
Subject: Re: Opportunity to meet with you to discuss the Michigan Building Trades Council

Thanks Brian,

I will see you then!

Dennis

From: Brian Brannick <bbrannick.mbtc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Opportunity to meet with you to discuss the Michigan Building Trades Council

Dennis ,
I will see you on the 2nd at 8:30am
Thanks
Brian

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 10:09 PM, Louney, Dennis <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Thanks Brian,

I am available to attend the May 2 meeting. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to appear on front of your organization and thank you for arranging this.

I look forward to seeing on Wednesday, May 2, 8:30 AM at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall.

Best wishes on a great weekend,

Dennis

From: Brian Brannick <bbrannick.mbtc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: RE: Opportunity to meet with you to discuss the Michigan Building Trades Council

Dennis,

Thank you for this information also I have 2 Lansing Building Trades meetings in May and they are May 2nd and May 16th at 8:30am the location for the meeting is Plumber & Pipefitters # 333 union hall at 5405 South MLK Jr. Just let me know if you can make one of the dates and I will add you to the agenda

Brian J. Brannick

Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council

435 Washington Square, S.

Lansing, MI 48933

Office: 517-484-8427

Fax: 517-484-1038

Mobile: 517-206-1066

From: Louney, Dennis [<mailto:DLouney@ingham.org>]

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:04 PM

To: bbrannick.mbtc@gmail.com

Cc: Steve Claywell <sclaywell.mbtc@gmail.com>

Subject: Opportunity to meet with you to discuss the Michigan Building Trades Council

Dear Mr. Brannick,

As the Current Ingham County Commissioner for District 10 in the City of Lansing, I am writing to you for two reasons:

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In addition to my work, unions play an important role in my family life. My wife is a current member of OPEIU Local 459. My brother-in-law works for General Motors and is in the UAW Local 1853 in Tennessee. My other brother-in-law is a member of the American Postal Workers Union Central Michigan Area Local 300. My sister has been a Reading Recovery teacher and a member of the Troy Education Association for more than 25 years and my niece is a Special Education teacher and member of the Oxford Education Association. I also was honored to have received the support of IBEW Local 352 & UAW Local Labor Council when seeking the appointment of my County Commission seat in January 2018.

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Sincerely,

Dennis M. Louney
Ingham County Commissioner
District 10

Bennett, Becky

From: Siemon, Carol
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Cc: CAROL SIEMON
Subject: RE: Question regarding an endorsement

I'm copying my personal email and will reply from that email during non -work hours.

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 2:44 PM
To: Siemon, Carol
Subject: Question regarding an endorsement

Hi Carol,

Hope all is well! I just wanted to follow up on our prior discussion regarding an endorsement from you.

The filing deadline was April 24. I would certainly be honored if you were willing to endorse me. Candidates who filed for my commission seat include the following individuals:

Dennis Louney - Democrat
Robert Pena - Democrat
Thomas Morgan - Democrat
Kathleen Groff - Republican

If you could let me know your decision when you have time I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks for all you do,

Dennis

Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Greater Lansing Labor Council
Subject: Re: IAFF Local 421 - Ingham County Commision Distrct 10

Thanks Paul,

I will follow up with Eric on this request.

Best wishes,

Dennis

From: Greater Lansing Labor Council <gllcalfcio@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Louney, Dennis; preslocal421@gmail.com
Subject: IAFF Local 421 - Ingham County Commision District 10

Dennis:

I received a letter from you requesting endorsement from the firefighters union. You will need to contact Eric Weber, president IAFF Local 421, requesting their endorsement. He can be reached at preslocal421@gmail.com.

I have included Eric in this email.

Paul Hufnagel, President
Greater Lansing Labor Council

Bennett, Becky

From: Billings-Meehle, Michelle <MBillings@uaw.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: RE: Letter requesting UAW endorsement

Dennis,

Could you please send your revised letter to Randy Freeman requesting UAW endorsement to me? You may either mail it or email, whichever is most convenient. Thank you.

Michelle

-----Original Message-----

From: Louney, Dennis <DLouney@ingham.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Billings-Meehle, Michelle <MBillings@uaw.net>
Subject: Re: Letter requesting UAW endorsement

Dear Ms. Billings-Meehle,

Thank you for your email regarding my correspondence for the UAW Capital Area CAP Council endorsement. I have contacted Randy Freeman to follow up on my request. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to meeting you in the future.

Best wishes,

Dennis

From: Billings-Meehle, Michelle <MBillings@uaw.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 3:31 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Letter requesting UAW endorsement

Commissioner Louney,

Attached please find your letters requesting UAW Capital Area CAP Council endorsement. The letter addressed to me, Michelle Billings-Meehle, should be addressed to Randy Freeman, President, Capital Area UAW CAP Council. Art Luna is no longer the CAP Coordinator for UAW Region 1D. You may also address that letter to Randy Freeman.

If you should have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Michelle

Michelle Billings-Meehle
UAW Region 1D
1010 River Street
Lansing, MI 48912
517 372-7201 - office

517 372-3118 - fax
mbillings@uaw.net
opeiu494afl-cio

-----Original Message-----

From: XeroxLansing@uaw.net <XeroxLansing@uaw.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 3:03 PM
To: Billings-Meehle, Michelle <MBillings@uaw.net>
Subject: Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Printer

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DENNIS LOUNEY

FOR INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER

www.DennisForLansing.com

May 1, 2018

Ms. Michelle Billings-Meehle
UAW Region 1D
1010 River Street
Lansing, MI 48912

Dear Ms. Billings-Meehle,

As the Current Ingham County Commissioner for District 10 in the City of Lansing, I am writing to you because I am seeking the endorsement of the Capital Area UAW CAP Council & the Greater Lansing Labor Council for this year's primary and general election as I seek re-election to my current post. I am also requesting an interview in the screening process.

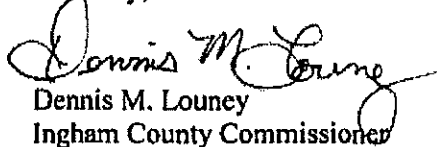
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Dennis M. Louney
Ingham County Commissioner

District 10

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DENNIS LOUNEY

FOR INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER

May 3, 2018

Mr. Art Luna
UAW Region 1D
Lansing, MI 48912

www.DennisForLansing.com

Dear Mr. Art Luna,

As the Current Ingham County Commissioner for District 10 in the City of Lansing, I am writing to you for two reasons:

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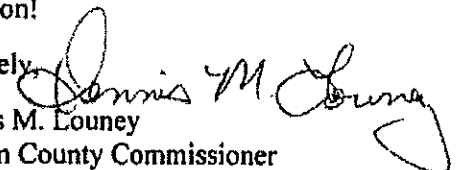
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I have a long record of working with labor and understanding the vital role they play for working families in our economy. Under my work for State Senator Ken DeBeaussiaert (D-Chesterfield Twp.), our office worked coordinated campaigns with U.S. Congressman David Bonior from 1992-1995. In addition, I have worked closely with Glenn Freeman III, Claire Corr, Price Dobernick and Jerry Swartz on the Capital Area United Way Board.

My wife is a current member of OPEIU Local 459. My brother-in-law works for General Motors and is in the UAW Local 1853 in Tennessee. My other brother-in-law is a member of the American Postal Workers Union Central Michigan Area Local 300. My sister has been a Reading Recovery teacher and a member of the Troy Education Association for more than 25 years and my niece is a Special Education teacher and member of the Oxford Education Association. I also was honored to have received the support of IBEW Local 352 & UAW Local Labor Council when seeking the appointment of my County Commission seat in January 2018.

County government plays an essential role in providing support systems in our life. I believe that the Ingham County government has a responsibility to be transparent and engage our citizens. I may be reached by email at dlouney@ingham.org or by phone at 517-388-5378. I look forward to meeting with you soon!

Sincerely,


Dennis M. Louney
Ingham County Commissioner
District 10

Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 5:16 PM
To: jane dailey
Subject: Re: Lansing Township

Jane,

Sorry, it wasn't me. I wish I was at the Green Door last night but instead I was at a Board of Water and Light meeting until 9:00 PM.

Hey, if you are interested, I am having a fundraiser event at the Avenue on May 31 with a couple bands (members from Star Farm and Hat Madder) and a local comedian from 5:30-8:00 PM. Don't worry about contributing, I would love for you to come as my guest. Bring a friend too. I just want a good crowd to be there and have fun. I'll have the flyer done tomorrow and send you a copy.

Thanks for thinking of me. I'll stay in touch!

Best wishes,

Dennis

From: jane dailey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 4:58 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Lansing Township

thanks Dennis,

You've been helpful, at least you're trying!!

I know this sounds weird but were you and some other politician folks at the green door last night? Please ignore if you weren't....there were definitely folks I kinda recognized and I thought maybe one was you...
(it was a great Lansing band btw, Steppin' in it)

thanks again

Jane

Jane D Dailey, MS, PA-C

On May 16, 2018 at 3:13 PM "Louney, Dennis" <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Jane,

Sorry I didn't get back to you. Much like you, I've hit a dead end. Let me speak with Senator Hertel and see what might be some steps that we can pursue at the state level. Also, I have a meeting with Mary Schulz, MSU Center for Local Government Finance and Policy, next Thursday. I will see what she recommends. I'm sorry I am not being much help but I will keep trying.

Dennis

From: jane dailey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 10:18 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Lansing Township

Hi

No more info?

PS if you call and don't leave a message, I block the number.

thx
Jane

Jane D Dailey, MS, PA-C
On April 30, 2018 at 3:44 PM "Louney, Dennis" <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Hi Jane,

I'm sorry you were unable to get a response. I did call Eric Lacy and leave him a voicemail message regarding your concern and I also did not receive any response. Let me talk with some of my colleagues and see what other options may exist. I will get back to you next Monday hopefully with some other options.

Thanks,

Dennis

P.S. My campaign manager Patrick said that he spoke with you when we were passing out literature in Groesbeck this weekend. Hope your trip went well!

From: jane dailey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:14 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Lansing Township

Hi

Thanks for the info

I called Sen. Hertsel talked to an assistant. no response
I sent the letter to the provided addresses. no response
I sent it to Eric Lacy LSJ. no response

Is there anyone else in this state who cares about the townships?

thanks Jane

Jane D Dailey,

On April 11, 2018 at 3:39 PM "Louney, Dennis" <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Hi Ms. Dailey,

It was great talking to you today.

As we discussed, I am including information that you requested:

1)

Timothy J. Dolehanty, ICMA-CM
Ingham County Controller/Administrator
341 S. Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 319
Mason, MI 48854
(517) 676-7203
tdolehanty@ingham.org

2) Information from Controller Dolehanty regarding your email and State Treasury contacts:

Per our conversation yesterday about constituent concerns presented to you, please note that Ingham County government has no authority over fiscal decisions of Lansing Township. However, the Department of Treasury might be able to assist your constituent with evaluation Township financial practices. Two points of contact at Department of Treasury are as follows:

Local Government Administration Local Government Financial Services

517-373-3305

517-373-3227

Treas_LocalGov@michigan.gov

Treas-DataSolutions@michigan.gov

LAFD_Audits@michigan.gov

Treas_MunicipalFinance@michigan.gov

3) Senator Curtis Hertel - (517) 373-1734

4) When i called Eric Lacey with the Lansing State Journal I was connected to his voicemail. I indicated your concerns to him and asked him to call me if he had any questions.

Have a safe trip to Florida! I enjoyed speaking with you. Please keep in touch.

Thanks,

Dennis

From: jane dailey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Lansing Township

Greetings

I had not heard back regarding my concerns. I hope that I haven't inadvertently blocked a call.

I tend to block calls that don't leave a message (this is on my answering message as well) as the robo -calls have been escalating it seems.

If you an reply here? or call, just give me a heads up on your phone number

Thanks

jane

Jane D Dailey, MS, PA-C

On April 3, 2018 at 8:37 AM "Louney, Dennis" <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Hi Ms. Dailey,

I appreciate you reaching out to me to express your concern in regards to oversight for Lansing Township.

While I am aware of some of the concerns that you expressed, please give me a few days to research what options are available to address these issues. I want to make sure I can give you some tangible answers after discussing this matter with the County Controller.

I will respond to you before the end of this week. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further comments or questions.

Best wishes,

Dennis M. Louney
INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 10

From: jane dailey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 10:06 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Cc: carolnkoenig@aol.com
Subject: Lansing Township

To: Commissioner District 10 - Dennis Louney

From: Jane D Dailey

Greetings,

My name is Jane Dailey and Im a citizen in your district. I live at [REDACTED], Lansing in the Groesbek subdivision, in the TOWNSHIP section.

Ive had concerns over the years with the function of the Lansing Township board. Ive gone to several meetings and as a long time resident, Ive seen our taxes and milages increase disportionately.

I have yet to find someone who states they have any oversight of this township.

Attached please find an comparison of our taxes in Lansing township as compared to others in the county. We pay about double what Median township people do per capita. Lansing Township recently added another milage, without voter input, to fund replacement emergency vehicles even though this cost had been levied before. I believe all those funds ended up in the coffers of Sam Eyde in the debacle of Eastwood. In this latest tax, I, a private home owner, will pay about 1/3 that of WALMART.

I get water from BWL (although theres a unexplained surcharge on my bill from the township) , Drain commission is sewage, Ingham county takes care of the road repair, plowing and signage. I pay Granger for waste and recycling and a guy named Ruben to get my yard waste as the only thing the township collects is taxes.

I paid twice for the share of the tollgate and sidewalks. Apparently, they floated bad bonds initially, so If you paid it all at once, you and to PAY AGAIN.

We get EMS coverage from a station in the neighborhood, even though there is a LANSING station <1 mile away that township should just pay for service. This is a redundant waste of money. Same for police. They are RARELY seen in our area and we'd be better served by paying the sheriffs office.

Ive gone to meetings and they generally appear to be clueless. The supervisor, Diontrae Hayes has a malignant personality. One of them said tot he Lansing State Journal that we shouldn't be complaining about the new milage when it was about the cost to going to McDonalds once a week: Well, some of the citizens ARE on social security. My township taxes are the equivalent to 12% of my SS income per year.

I was told by someone along the way. that the Ingham County treasurer was part of the oversight and that there was an AUDIT this April. SO

I CALLED Mr Schertzting IC treasurer today who told me the following:

- "I really only glance at the audits"
- "You don't pay all that much in taxes"
- "There are townships worse off than yours"

Mr Schetzing was of no help and I had to wonder what HE does.

So, who is responsible for oversight of Lansing Township, anyone?

Thanks for your help

Jane Dailey
[REDACTED]

Lansing MI 48912

[REDACTED]

Bennett, Becky

From: Joe Neller <jneller@gpimichigan.com>
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2018 8:45 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Coffee
Attachments: PastedGraphic-1.tiff

Hi Dennis,

Thanks for the flyer. Appreciate your assistance with the connections.

Here is a video that will give you a sense of our company: https://www.dropbox.com/s/hfyi32y9ukoci75/2018_GPI_Growth.mp4?dl=0

I will have more information next week.

Enjoy the weekend!
Joe

Joe Neller
EVP, Government Affairs & Business Development
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On May 17, 2018, at 3:45 PM, Louney, Dennis <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Joe,

Likewise, I also enjoyed our coffee meeting yesterday. I will be out of the office tomorrow but I will start lining up some possible meeting dates with Ken Fletcher, Diontrae Hayes and Christopher Stralkowski next week.

As I mentioned, let me know how I can help. I can appreciate the volume of work you have. I look forward to getting together soon.

I've attached a flyer for my upcoming fundraiser. Hope you can make it. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Dennis

From: Joe Neller <jneller@gpimichigan.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Coffee

Hi Dennis,

Wanted to thank you for the time yesterday. Really enjoyed the discussion. My schedule is crazy to finish the week but I will get you some additional information on our company. Would really appreciate some introduction to other leaders in Ingham County if you're willing.

Please also send me info on the 5/31 event when it's available.

Thanks,
Joe

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On May 7, 2018, at 10:40 AM, Louney, Dennis <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Thanks Joe, see you then!

From: Joe Neller <jneller@gpimichigan.com>
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 10:32 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Coffee

Hi Dennis,

Put it on my calendar before I replied... see you next week.

Thanks,
Joe

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On May 7, 2018, at 10:22 AM, Louney, Dennis
<DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Hi Joe,

No worries. How about Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 AM at Blue Owl in REO town? I appreciate the follow-up.

Thanks,

Dennis

From: Joe Neller <jneller@gpimichigan.com>
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 8:51 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Coffee

Hi Dennis,

What is your availability next week 5/14? Wednesday 5/16 works well for me but I'm pretty open most days to meet for a coffee. I promise to put it on my calendar this time... \

Thanks,
Joe

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On May 2, 2018, at 11:02 AM, Louney, Dennis
<DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Joe,

No worries, I've been there before. Just let me know what works for you. I'm pretty flexible.

Thanks,

Dennis

From: Joe Neller <jneller@gpimichigan.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 10:07 AM

To: Louney, Dennis

Subject: Re: Coffee

Hi Dennis,

I'm so so sorry... I completely blanked on our appointment. I had an issue related to our license application come up with LARA and I'm on deadline. Can we please reschedule?

With sincere apology,
Joe

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On May 2, 2018, at 10:06 AM,
Louney, Dennis
<DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:

Hi Joe,

I'm at Blue Owl and will be here until 10 AM.
Let me know if you want to reschedule.

Thanks,

Dennis

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:48 AM
To: Joe Neller
Subject: Re: Coffee

Joe,

That would be perfect, see you on
Wednesday 5/2, 9:30am at the Blue Owl in
Reo Town.

Thanks,

Dennis

From: Joe Neller
<jneller@gpimichigan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Coffee

Hi Dennis,

Can we meet on Wednesday 5/2 at 9:30am?
Let's meet at Blue Owl in Reo Town for
coffee.

Thanks,
Joe

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On Apr 18, 2018, at 6:23 AM, Louney,
Dennis
<DLouney@ingham.org<[mailto:DLouney@in
gham.org](mailto:DLouney@ingham.org)>> wrote:

Hi Joe,

I am available the following dates:

Monday, 4/30 all day
Wednesday, 5/2 all day
Thursday, 5/3 all day

Let me know if any of these dates work for you. Feel free to pick a time and location and I will make it work.

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you.

Best wishes on a safe trip,

Dennis

From: Joe Neller
<jneller@gpimichigan.com<<mailto:jneller@gpimichigan.com>>>
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 8:07:38 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: Coffee

Hi Dennis,

Certainly understand the busy schedule. I will be traveling to DC next week so can you send me dates that work the week of April 30?

Thanks,
Joe

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On Apr 17, 2018, at 4:43 PM, Louney, Dennis
<DLouney@ingham.org<<mailto:DLouney@ingham.org>>> wrote:

Hi Joe,

Thanks for the follow-up. I've got a busy week this week but am available next week. Here are dates that work for me:

Monday, 4/23 after 1:00 PM
Tuesday, 4/24 between 1:00-4:00 PM
Wednesday, 4/25 all day
If these dates aren't convenient, let me know
and I can provide more.

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you,
Please don't hesitate to contact me if you
have any questions.

Thanks,

Dennis

From: Joe Neller
<jneller@gpimichigan.com<<mailto:jneller@gpimichigan.com>>>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Coffee

Hi Dennis,

Nice to see you again while you were hitting
doors on Sunday. Let me know if you want to
grab a coffee sometime and chat. Would be
happy to tell you about GPI and give you
some updates on Harvest Park in Windsor.
We are very happy with our partnership with
BWL. Would also love to hear more about
the campaign and your priorities as a
commissioner.

Feel free to shoot over some dates for a
coffee meeting.

Thanks,
Joe

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JOIN US AT A FUNDRAISER TO THE

DENNIS LOUNNEY

WHITNEY SPOTTS ^{OF STARFARM}
& CHRIS BARATONO ^{OF NARC OUT THE REDS}

*Mad Moon
Melik Brown
DJ Craig Doepker*

MAY THURSDAY
31, 2018
5:30 TO 7:30 PM

Suggested donation : \$25 - Supporter; \$150 - Host
RSVP to Sarah Tresedder (stresedder@gmail.com)

@THE AVENUE CAFE

2101 MICHIGAN AVENUE

Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Hillary Kipp
Subject: Re: met you on doors yesterday!

Cool, thanks for your support. It should be a fun time!

From: Hillary Kipp <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: met you on doors yesterday!

Thank you! Joe and I are planning to stop by.

Hillary Kipp
[REDACTED]

On Mon, May 21, 2018 at 6:40 PM, Louney, Dennis <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:
Hi Hillary,

As promised, here is info on my May 31 fundraiser. Should be fun.

Hope you can join me for a great time at the Avenue!

FUNDRAISER TO RE-ELECT DENNIS LOUNEY AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Thursday, May 31, 5:30-7:30 PM
The Avenue Cafe
2101 Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48912

Live Performances by:

- Whitney Spotts of Starfarm
- Chris Baratono of Narc Out the Reds
- Mad Moon
- DJ Craig Doepker
- Host/MC/Comedian Melik Brown

Suggested donation:

\$25 - Friend

\$150 - Supporter

(Any donation is welcome and appreciated!)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

Dennis

From: Hillary Kipp [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Re: met you on doors yesterday!

Thank you for this!

We may be in DC on April 19. If so, you have another end of May? I think you mentioned May 31.

Hillary Kipp
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 2:55 PM, Louney, Dennis <DLouney@ingham.org> wrote:
Hi Hillary,

It was great meeting you on Sunday (and seeing Joe again). I've attached a copy of my fundraiser flyer, it would be great if both of you could attend (any donation is appreciated). I appreciate your support and enthusiasm and look forward to continuing to represent you at the County level. I would love to talk with you more about your new role with Consumers.

Best wishes,

Dennis

From: Hillary Kipp [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 5:01 PM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: met you on doors yesterday!

Hey Dennis,

Nice chatting when you stopped by our house on Shelter Lane yesterday! This is my personal e-mail -- feel free to send fundraiser info my way in the future.

Hillary Kipp
[REDACTED]

Bennett, Becky

From: Louney, Dennis
Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Michael Marhanka
Subject: Re: Sign

Michael,

Thank you very much for your support. I will stop by Monday and deliver your yard sign. We are canvassing doors on Saturdays and Sundays if you are interested. Let me know and I will give you more details.

I trully appreciate your support and willingness to help. It means a lot.

Thank you,

Dennis

From: Michael Marhanka [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 11:07 AM
To: Louney, Dennis
Subject: Sign

I was hoping to get a yard sign, let me know if there is anything else I can do to help

address [REDACTED], East Lansing 48823

Thanks



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

August 14, 2018

Dennis Louney
408 North Clemens Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Re: *Byrum v. Louney*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2018-08-62-57

Dear Mr. Louney:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Barb Byrum against you alleging violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The investigation and resolution of this complaint are 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.

In Michigan it is unlawful for a public body or an individual acting on its behalf to use or authorize the use of equipment, supplies, personnel, funds, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure. MCL 169.257(1). The words "contribution" and "expenditure" are terms of art that are generally defined to include a payment or transfer of anything of ascertainable monetary value made for the purpose of influencing or made in assistance of the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question. MCL 169.204(1), 169.206(1). A knowing violation of this provision is a misdemeanor offense. MCL 169.257(4).

Ms. Byrum alleges that you have used County resources for campaign purposes by using your county email account to campaign for re-election to county commissioner by soliciting donations, requesting endorsements, and communicating campaign events and fundraisers. With her complaint, Ms. Byrum submitted copies of emails.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Department's examination of these matters and your right to respond to the allegations before the Department proceeds further. It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true.

If you wish to file a written response to this complaint, you are required to do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. 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

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 Ms. Byrum who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all of the statements and materials provided by the parties, the Department will determine whether "there may be reason to believe that a violation of [the MCFA] has occurred [.]" MCL 169.215(10). Note that the Department's enforcement powers include the possibility of entering a conciliation agreement, conducting an administrative hearing, or referring this matter to the Attorney General for enforcement of the criminal penalty provided in section 57(4) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (517) 241-0395.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi", written in a cursive style.

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Barb Byrum



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

September 18, 2018

SECOND NOTICE

Dennis Louney
408 North Clemens Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Re: *Byrum v. Louney*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2018-08-62-57

Dear Mr. Louney:

By correspondence dated August 14, 2018, the Department of State (Department) advised you of its intention to investigate a complaint filed against you by Barb Byrum concerning alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 et seq. A copy of the Department's notice is enclosed with this letter.

The notice informed you that, pursuant to section 15(5) of the MCFA, MCL 169.215(5), the Department is reviewing whether you failed to comply with the requirements of the Act. The Committee was provided an opportunity to respond to these allegations within 15 business days of your receipt of the notice, but to date no response has been filed on your behalf.

By this letter, the Department is providing you a final opportunity to submit a written response to the enclosed notice. Your response may include any documentary evidence you wish to submit and must be received by the Department on or before **October 9, 2018**. All materials must be sent to the Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State, Richard H. Austin Building, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Failure to submit a written response to this second notice will leave the Department no alternative but to make its determination based solely on the documentation furnished by Ms. Byrum.

Sincerely,

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Dennis Louney
408 North Clemens Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48912



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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Re: Byrum v. Louney
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2018-08-62-57

Dear Mr. Fracasi:

I am writing to respond to the complaint by Barb Byrum regarding violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

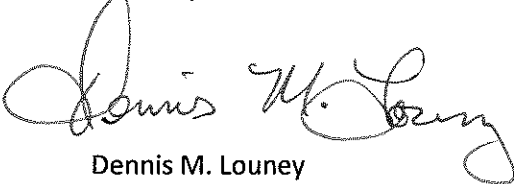
At the time of this complaint, I was new to public office, having been appointed as a County Commissioner on February 13, 2018. Because of this I was not familiar with state law and as diligent in ensuring that my campaign did not intermix with my County position.

I have four email accounts on my phone and unfortunately, I was negligent in ensuring a separation of my county account and personal accounts. It was my error and I have taken steps to ensure that future situations like this will not occur by resigning from my position as County Commissioner.

Once it was clear that my mistakes violated the law by use of my County email account, I felt it necessary to step down as a public official. I felt this was the proper action based on my violations. I regret the mistakes that I made and feel that my resignation served as a necessary penalty.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis M. Louney", written in a cursive style.

Dennis M. Louney



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

October 16, 2018

Barb Byrum
PO Box 179
Mason, Michigan 48854

Re: *Byrum v. Louney*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2018-08-62-57

Dear Ms. Byrum:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Dennis Louney, 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 within 10 business days 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi".

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Dennis Louney



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

December 17, 2018

Dennis Louney
408 North Clemens Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Re: *Byrum, et al v. Louney*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2018-08-62-57

Dear Mr. Louney:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its investigation of the complaints filed against you by Alexis Ruble, Barb Byrum, and Isobella Medina, which alleged that the you violated section 57 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.257. This letter concerns the disposition of the three complaints.

Ms. Medina filed her complaint on June 26, 2018 alleging that you had been using County resources for campaign purposes. Specifically, she alleged that certain campaign materials which expressly advocated for your election contained your county email.

In response to Ms. Medina's complaint, you admitted that some of your mailings contained your county email address and they were corrected. In terms of the emails, you indicated that you have four email accounts on your phone and indicated this was a one-time email that you inadvertently responded to with the wrong account.

Ms. Byrum then filed her complaint on August 13, 2018 alleging that you utilized your email to campaign specifically sending emails to solicit donations, request endorsements from other county officials, and advertise political events. As evidence to the complaint, Ms. Byrum submitted numerous emails to support her claims. The third complaint filed by Ms. Ruble raised the same allegations.

In response to these complaints, you stated you were new to public office and were not familiar with state law and were not diligent in ensuring that your campaign did not intermix with your county position. You further admitted that you were negligent in ensuring separation of your county email account and campaign email account.

In Michigan, it is unlawful for a public body or an individual acting on its behalf to use or authorize the use of equipment, supplies, personnel, funds, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure. MCL 169.257(1). A public body is allowed produce or disseminate factual information concerning issues relevant to the function of the public body. MCL

169.257(1)(b). The words “contribution” and “expenditure” are terms of art that are generally defined to include a payment or transfer of anything of ascertainable monetary value made for the purpose of influencing or made in assistance of the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question. MCL 169.204(1), 169.206(1). If not an individual, a person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$20,000 or a fine equal to the amount of the improper expenditure – whichever is greater. MCL 169.257(4).

The Department has reviewed the evidence submitted by the parties and concludes that it demonstrates that a potential violation of the MCFA has occurred. In this case, there are several emails that appear to violate section 57:

1. Email sent to Kevin McKinney on April 9, 2018 at 3:48 pm in which you attached a flyer that said “DENNIS LOUNEY FOR INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER.”
2. Email sent to Ingham County Prosecutor Carol Siemon on May 3, 2018 at 2:44 pm in which you specifically sought Ms. Siemon’s endorsement for election. Ms. Siemon then indicated that she would respond to you from her personal email “during non-work hours.” There were additional emails sent to and received by union organizations on May 9, 2018 between 2:00 and 3:00 pm.
3. Email sent on May 16, 2018 to a constituent requesting her presence at a fundraiser. A similar email was sent on May 22, 2018 to Hillary Kipp where you provided information about the fundraiser. Although sent after work hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, the emails were sent from your county email and are part of a larger chain of emails sent and received during work hours.
4. Fundraising emails were sent on May 18, 2018 to Joe Neller at 8:45 am where you attached a flyer for your fundraiser and urged donations.

These emails sent expressly advocate for your election to County Commissioner, seek out endorsements from different elected officials and organizations, promote your fundraisers, and were all done through use of your county email. Additionally, the majority of the emails were sent between the work hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Finally, your admission of sending these emails supports a conclusion that a violation has occurred.

Therefore, the evidence provided to the Department supports a conclusion that you expended public resources to expressly advocate for your election. Because you used your county email to request endorsements, promote your fundraisers and campaign, and did so during regular business hours, the Department concludes that a likely violation of the MCFA has occurred.

Upon the finding of a potential violation, 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, and if the Department is unable to correct or prevent additional violations, it must ask the Attorney General to prosecute if a crime has been committed. MCL 169.215(10)(a). The objective of an informal resolution is “to correct the violation or prevent a further violation [.]” *Id.*

Based upon the information that you have provided in response to the Department's request for supplemental information, the Department offers to resolve this informally through the execution of the attached conciliation agreement. The conciliation agreement requires a \$100 fine be paid to the State of Michigan.

If you wish to enter into the conciliation agreement, please return the original signed document to this office, along with the \$100 fine to the State of Michigan by December 28, 2018

Please be advised that if the Department is unable to resolve this informally, it is required by MCL 169.215(10)-(11) to:

- 1) Refer Jefferson Township to the Attorney General with a request that his office prosecute it for the crime of expending public funds to make an expenditure, a misdemeanor violation of MCL 169.257(1); or
- 2) Conduct an administrative hearing to enforce the civil penalty provided in MCL 169.215(11), which provides that the Secretary of State may seek a civil fine of triple the amount outlined in 169.257(4), plus up to \$1,000.00 for each violation of the Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi", written in a cursive style.

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State



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

In the Matter of:

Barb Byrum, et al
PO Box 179
Mason, Michigan 48854

v.

Dennis Louney
408 North Clemens Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48918

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

Pursuant to MCL §169.215(10) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (the Act), MCL §169.201 *et seq.*, the Secretary of State and Dennis Louney (Respondent) hereby enter into a conciliation agreement with respect to certain acts, omissions, methods, or practices prohibited by the Act.

The Secretary of State alleges that there may be reason to believe that Respondent violated MCL §169.257 by improperly using his Ingham County email to expressly advocate for his election to county commissioner.

Therefore, Respondent, without admitting any issue of law or fact, except as stated herein, hereby voluntarily enter into this conciliation agreement and assure the Secretary of State that they will comply with the Act and the Rules promulgated to implement the Act.

By executing this conciliation agreement, Respondent certifies that a civil fine in the amount of \$100 has been paid to the State of Michigan.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agrees that this agreement is in effect and enforceable for four years from the date it is signed by the Secretary of State or her duly authorized representative.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement, unless violated, shall constitute a complete bar to any further action by the Secretary of State with respect to the alleged violation that resulted in the execution of this agreement.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that the complaint and investigation that resulted in this agreement are disposed of and will not be the basis for further proceedings, except pursuant to this agreement.

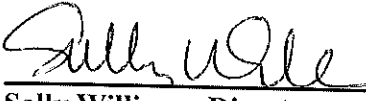
The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement will not prevent the Secretary of State from taking action for violations of this agreement.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that Respondent's performance under this agreement shall be given due consideration in any subsequent proceedings.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement, when signed, shall become a part of the permanent public records of the Department of State.

The Secretary of State and Respondent finally agree that the signatories below are authorized to enter into and bind the parties to this agreement, and have done so by signing this agreement on the date below.

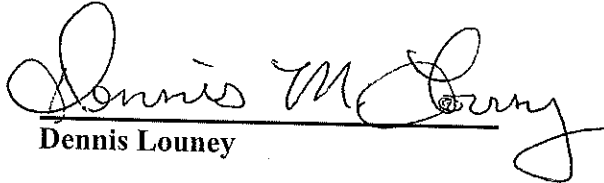
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Sally Williams, Director
Bureau of Elections

Date: 1/24/19

RESPONDENT



Dennis Louney

Date: 1/18/19



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

January 11, 2019

FINAL NOTICE

Dennis Louney
408 North Clemens Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Via Certified Mail

Re: *Byrum v. Louney*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2018-08-62-57

Dear Mr. Louney:

By correspondence dated December 17, 2019, the Department of State (Department) advised you of its determination that a potential violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 et seq., had occurred. The Department also proposed an informal resolution. A copy of the Department's correspondence containing the final determination and the conciliation agreement is enclosed with this letter.

By this letter, the Department is providing you a final opportunity to respond. If you wish to enter into the conciliation agreement, please return the original signed document to this office, along with the \$100 fine to the State of Michigan by February 1, 2019.

Under the MCFA, the Department is tasked to resolve all violations informally before taking further action. The Department has offered to resolve this via a fine of \$100. Should you fail to respond to this notice and resolve this informally, the Department will have no alternative but to either:

- 1) Refer you to the Attorney General with a request that her office prosecute you for the crime of expending public funds to make an expenditure, a misdemeanor violation of MCL 169.257(1); or
- 2) Conduct an administrative hearing to enforce the civil penalty provided in MCL 169.215(11), which provides that the Secretary of State may seek a civil fine of triple the amount outlined in 169.257(4), plus up to \$1,000.00 for each violation of the Act.

Dennis Louney
January 11, 2019
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Please note that if the Department is forced to refer you for prosecution or conduct an administrative hearing, the offer to resolve this for \$100 will be revoked.

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

Sincerely,

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Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections

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

January 24, 2019

Dennis Louney
408 North Clemens Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Dear Mr. Louney:

Enclosed is a signed copy of the conciliation agreement entered into in response to the complaint filed by Barb Byrum, which concerned alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The Department considers this matter closed and resolved.

Sincerely,

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Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
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LANSING

January 24, 2019

Barb Byrum
PO Box 179
Mason, Michigan 48854

Dear Ms. Byrum:

The Department of State has concluded its investigation of the complaint that you filed against Dennis Louney, which concerned an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* A copy of the final resolution is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

Sincerely,

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Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Isobella Medina
Alexis Ruble