

## SOS, Disclosure

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**From:** JEFFREY BACHOCHIN <jjbach9@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** SOS, Disclosure  
**Subject:** Campaign Finance Complaint  
**Attachments:** Campaign Finance Complaint Form\_Cindy Olsen\_25Jun2020.pdf

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Please address the attached Campaign Finance Complaint in PDF regarding Cindy Olsen. Thank you in advance for addressing.  
Jeffrey J. Bachochin

7-15-2020

Cindy Olsen  
5430 Seven Lakes Dr N  
Washington, MI 48095

Re: Bachochin vs Olsen  
Campaign Finance Complaint  
No. 2020-06-43-47

RECEIVED/FILED  
MICHIGAN DEPT OF STATE  
2020 JUL 20 PM 2:39  
ELECTIONS/GREAT SEAL

Dear Mr. Fracassi:

I received your letter on Monday, July 13. Upon reading it, I immediately sent an email to my local newspaper to try to fix the mistake before this week's paper was printed. It was too late. All future newspaper ads will be corrected. I have included the copy of the email I sent to the paper.

As for my mailer, you can see that both the front and back state,  
"Paid for by CTE Cindy Olsen"  
The back has my address.

I apologize for any mistakes I've made.

I assure you that I'm doing my best  
to correct them.

By the way, you addressed this letter  
to : Dear Mr Nordstrom. Who is  
that ?

Sincerely Cindy Olson

cindy.26@icloud.com

586-292-6081

Cancel

Fwd: Cindy Olsen campaign ads



5430 Seven Lakes Dr. N  
Washington, MI 48095

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Cindy Olsen <cindy.26@icloud.com>

**Date:** July 13, 2020 at 6:45:06 PM EDT

**To:** publisher@myrecordnewspaper.com

**Subject:** Cindy Olsen campaign ads

I just received a campaign finance complaint because my little ad in your paper doesn't state, Paid for by CTE Cindy Olsen  
5430 Seven Lakes Dr N, Washington MI 48095.

They said if anything appears in the future without that statement I could get a heavy fine/jail.

I'm asking that you make that addition to my ad or remove it if you can't fix it. Please contact me at (586) 292-6081.

Thank you, Cindy Olsen







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

July 6, 2020

Cindy Olsen  
5430 Seven Lakes Drive N.  
Washington, MI 48905

Re: *Bachochin v. Olsen*  
Campaign Finance Complaint  
No. 2020-06-43-47

Dear Mr. Nordstrom:

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 to the Department on June 25, 2020 and alleges that you have distributed campaign materials that did not include a proper paid for by statement. Pictures of the materials are 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 flyers and newspaper advertisements specifically state "Elect Cindy Olsen" 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 materials are covered by the ambit of the Act and must include the paid for by statement outlined under section 47. MCL 169.206(2)(j). However, it appears that this phrase is omitted entirely from the newspaper advertisements and the paid for by statement is missing the address of the committee paying for the materials in other circumstances. Therefore, the evidence supports the conclusion that a potential violation has occurred.

Cindy Olsen

July 6, 2020

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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", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

Enclosure

c: Jeffrey Bachochin





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

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS • RICHARD H. AUSTIN BUILDING - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
430 W. ALLEGAN STREET • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48918

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>JEFFREY J. BACHOCHIN</b>		Daytime Telephone Number <b>(586) 703-6973</b>
Mailing Address <b>7079 MIDDLECOFF DRIVE</b>		
City <b>WASHINGTON</b>	State <b>MI.</b>	Zip <b>48094</b>
Email (optional) <b>jjbach9@comcast.net</b>		

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name <b>CINDY OLSEN</b>		
Mailing Address <b>5430 SEVEN LAKES DRIVE N.</b>		
City <b>WASHINGTON</b>	State <b>MI.</b>	Zip <b>48095</b>
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**Section 3. Allegations (Use additional sheets if more space is needed.)**

Section(s) of the MCFA alleged to be violated: **169, 247 SEC 47**

Explain how those sections were violated:

- 1. MAILER; ADDRESS NOT ADDED TO "PAID FOR BY CTE CINDY OLSEN";**
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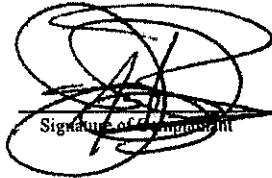
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#### Section 4. Certification (Required)

*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

25 Jun 2020

Date

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

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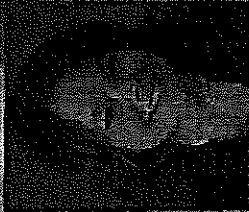
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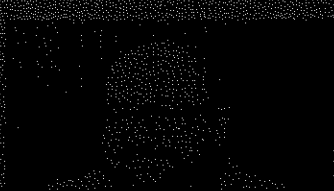
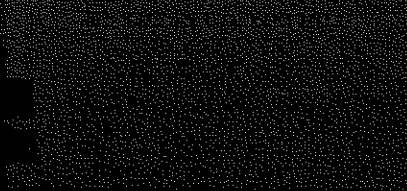
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**Smith, Jessica (MDOS)**

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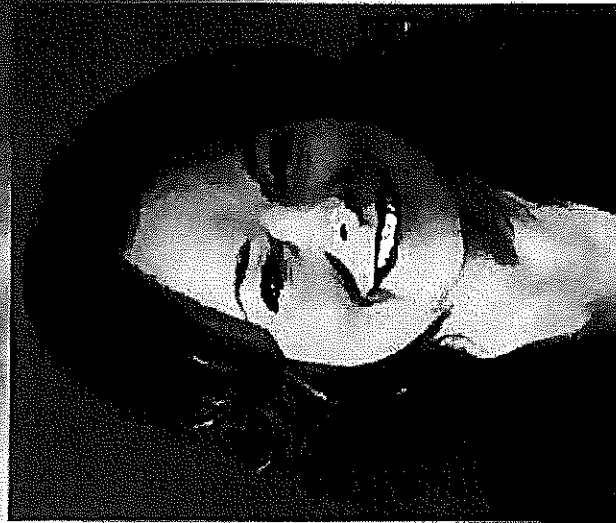
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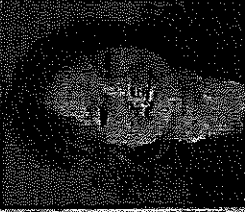
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