



## 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>Jennifer Stacey</b>		Daytime Telephone Number <b>2482591632</b>
Mailing Address <b>31721 Sherwood Street</b>		
City <b>Farmington</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48336</b>
Email (optional)		

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name <b>Committee to Elect Geof Perrot</b>		
Mailing Address <b>22661 Brookdale Street</b>		
City <b>Farmington</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48336</b>
Email (optional)		

Section 3. Allegations (Use additional sheets if more space is needed.)
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Section(s) of the MCFA alleged to be violated: (1) Section 47, MCL 169.247; and (2) Section 24, MCL 169.224

Explain how those sections were violated:

(1) Mr. Perrot's wife was observed delivering doorhangers critical of Mr. Perrot's opponents without the required Section 47 statements.

(2) Mr. Perrot's campaign has purchased signs, doorhangers, and other campaign materials which appear to cost in excess of \$1,000, which therefore requires revocation of his reporting waiver.

SEE ATTACHMENT

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

(1) Photos and videos of the doorhangers, and the individuals delivering them - (NOTE: the identities of the minor children accompanying Mrs. Perrot have been blurred out); (2) photo evidence of his campaign expenditures.

#### 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

9/29/21

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

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.

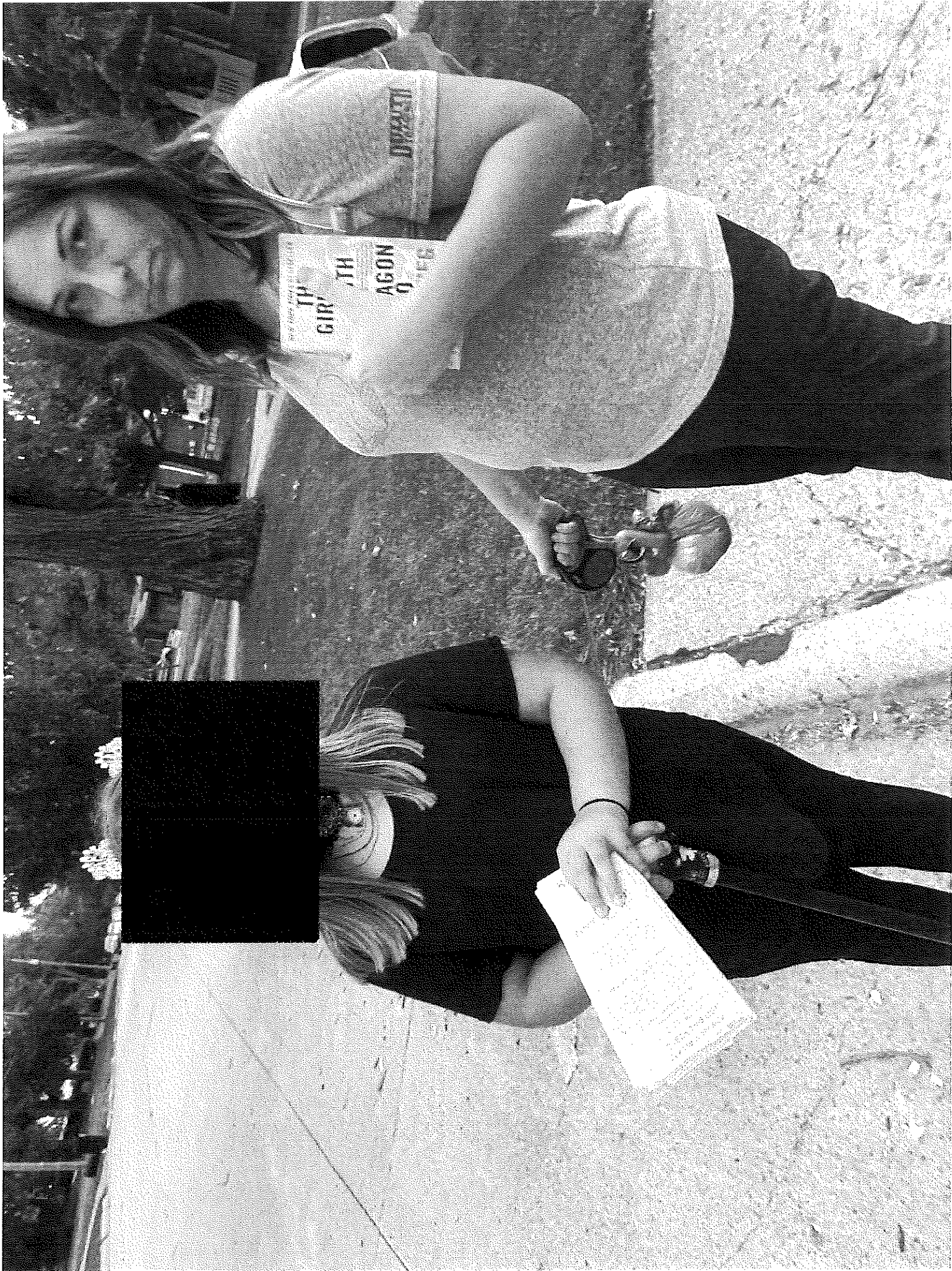
#### Section 6. Submission

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

**ATTACHMENT TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE VIOLATION – GEOFF PERROT**

1. On Monday, September 27, 2021, Geof Perrot's wife was observed passing out door hangers which directly attack Mr. Perrot's opponents – Maria Taylor, David DeLind, and Johnna Balk – who are running as a slate in the November 2021 General Election.
2. The door hangers did not contain any "Paid For" statement as required by Section 47 of the Campaign Finance Act.
3. Additionally, Mr. Perrot has claimed a Reporting Waiver on his Amended Statement of Organization.
4. Mr. Perrot's social media posts indicate that his campaign has paid for copies of many campaign items including, but not limited to:
  - a. Campaign lawn signs
  - b. Designed Flyers
  - c. Mail costs for flyers
  - d. Door hangers
5. In totality, Mr. Perrot appears to have spent more than \$1,000 in furtherance of his campaign, which therefore prevents him from claiming a Reporting Waiver in this election.



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Geof Perrot for Farmington City Council



Geof Perrot for Farmington City Council



Send Message



## Geof Perrot for Farmington City Council

September 10 at 8:32 PM · 🌐



It's hard not to smile every time I see one of my signs in a resident's yard or commercial property. Some know me well and ask for one, while others have spoken with me only briefly and ask for a sign as they are confident enough in my abilities and experience to help support me as the right choice for Farmington.

I would be honored if you would be willing to host one of my signs. If interested, please message me and I will deliver one ASAP.







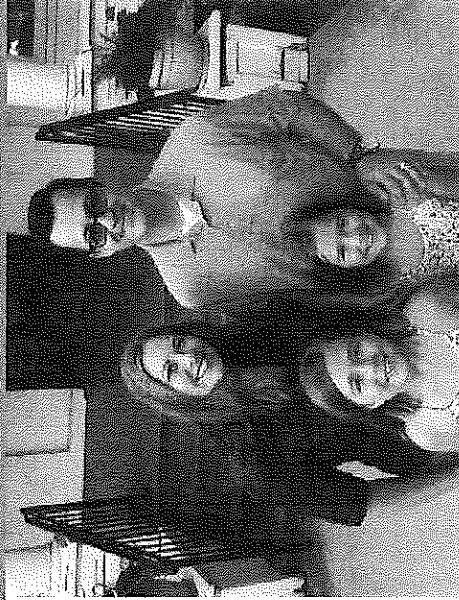
Geof  
**PERROT**  
for city council

# VOTE GEOFF PERROT FOR CITY COUNCIL

## EXPERIENCE

- Two Years on Zoning Board of Appeals
- Four Years on Planning Commission & Current Vice Chairman
- Five Years as Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market Volunteer
- Ferris State University Heavy Equipment Program Advisory Board Member

*"Our beloved Farmington did not happen by accident. It is the result of having the right people, with the right skills, advocating on the behalf of all Farmington residents."*



## ABOUT GEOFF

- Global Product Manager at a major automotive supplier
- Ferris State University, BS Degree in Heavy Equipment Service Engineering Technology, 2003 and A.A.S. in Heavy Equipment Technology
- Married 15 years to Jessica and has twin daughters Abbey and Libby.
- 13-year resident and homeowner in Farmington.
- Awarded rank of Eagle Scout in 1995-Troop 387 Saginaw, MI

PAID FOR BY

COMMITTEE TO ELECT GEOFF PERROT  
22661 BROOKDALE ST.  
FARMINGTON, MI 48336



*Please Vote November 2<sup>nd</sup> or by Absentee Ballot*

**f** @geoffperrotfarmington

# VOTE GEOFF PERROT FOR CITY COUNCIL



## PUBLIC SAFETY

Work with police and fire to develop a strategy to maintain Farmington's as one of the safest communities in Michigan, while keeping costs under control.



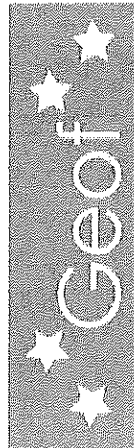
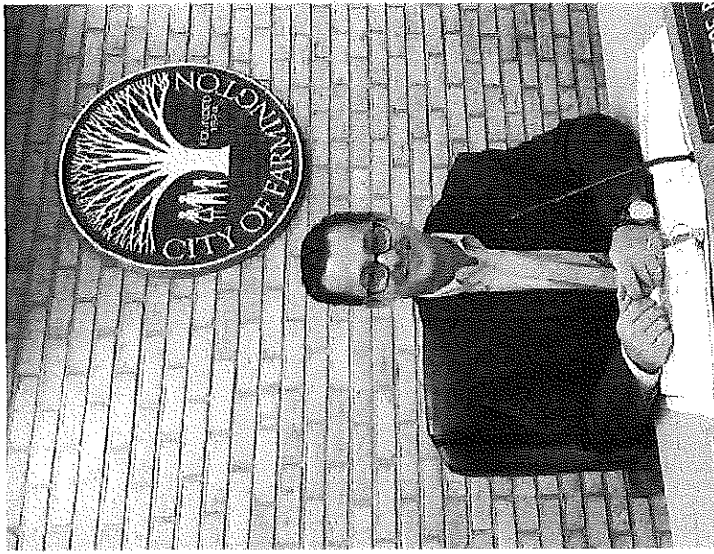
## FIXING ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

We need to prioritize replacement and repair of our crumbling infrastructure. Our roads can cost taxpayers hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars in vehicle repairs every year.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We need to make Farmington more attractive to businesses that are looking to relocate or start. This will further our tax base growth and result in filling our long-vacant storefronts throughout town.



# PERROT

for city council



**VOTE GEOFF PERROT**  
FOR FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
*November 2<sup>nd</sup> or by Absentee Ballot*



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 #: <b>87240</b>		*2. Type of Filing: <input type="checkbox"/> Original: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Items:		Eff. Date:
*3. Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name): <b>Committee To Elect Geoff Perrot</b>				
*4a. Candidate Full Name: Last Name <b>PERROT</b>		First Name <b>Geoffrey</b>		M.I. <b>A</b>
*4b. Political Party (if applicable):		*4c. County of Residence: <b>Oakland</b>		
*4d. Office Sought: <b>City Council</b>		*4e. District or Jurisdiction: <b>City of Farmington</b>		
*5. Date Committee was Formed: <b>August 1, 2019</b>				
*6a. Committee Phone: <b>231-250-3774</b>		6b. Committee Fax #:		
*6c. Committee Email Address: <b>geoffrey.perrot@hotmail.com</b>		6d. Committee Website Address: <b>facebook.com/geoffperrotfarmington</b>		
*7a. Complete Committee Mailing Address (May be PO Box): <b>22661 Brookdale St. Farmington, MI 48336</b>				
*7b. Complete Committee Street Address (May not be PO Box): <b>22661 Brookdale St. Farmington, MI 48336</b>				
*8. Treasurer Name and Complete Residential Address: <b>Geoff Perrot</b> <b>22661 Brookdale St. Farmington, MI 48336</b> Phone #: <b>231-250-3774</b> Email Address: <b>geoffrey.perrot@hotmail.com</b>				
9. Designated Record Keeper Name and Complete Address:  Phone #: Email Address:				
<p>*10. REPORTING WAIVER REQUEST:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, I/We WANT TO APPLY FOR THE REPORTING WAIVER. The committee does not expect to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I/We understand that if the committee does not spend or receive in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election, the committee does not owe detailed campaign statements. I/We further understand that the Reporting Waiver will be automatically lost if the committee exceeds the \$1,000.00 threshold and all required campaign statements must be filed. A Reporting Waiver does not exempt a committee from filing Late Contribution Reports.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO, I/We DO NOT WANT TO APPLY FOR THE REPORTING WAIVER. The committee expects to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I/We understand that the committee owes detailed campaign statements even if the committee does not spend or receive in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I further understand that the Reporting Waiver cannot be requested retroactively to avoid filing requirements and to avoid paying late filing fees. Further information regarding Reporting Waivers can be found in Appendix C of the Committee Manual.</p>				
<p>*11. Name and Address of Depositories or Intended Depositories of committee funds. (Michigan Bank, Credit Union or Savings &amp; Loan Association) While this item must be completed, an account does not have to be opened until the first contribution is received.</p> <p>*Official Depository (name and address): <b>PNC Bank 33543 W. 8 Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48152</b></p> <p>Secondary Depository (name and address):</p>				
<p>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)</p>				
*Candidate:		*Current Treasurer:		Date: <b>07/14/2020</b>
*Designated Record Keeper (If Applicable)		Date:		

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please return to: campaignfinance@oakgov.com

fax: 248-858-1533

VOTE  
NOVEMBER 2nd!

You may have received information about a "slate" of 3 candidates running for this November's election.

If they are successful, they will have a MAJORITY VOTE on ALL ISSUES!

The success of the Farmington City Council has always been its DIVERSE and UNBIASED REPRESENTATION by independent thinkers. No single person can clearly represent the interests of all Citizens.

The risk of a MONOPOLY is DESTRUCTIVE and MANIPULATIVE.

There are seven candidates running for the privilege of serving the Citizens of Farmington specifically to serve you, the resident and tax payer.

Be certain you cast your very important 3 votes for candidates who have shown themselves to be autonomous, impartial, and free-thinking. Without those traits, the Farmington City Council is at risk of becoming controlled by a conglomerate of voters who fail to represent the interests of all the Citizens of Farmington.

**KNOW!**

## **Before You Vote!**

Preserve the integrity of the  
Farmington City Council

### **WHO is on the City Council?**

The City Council is comprised of FIVE elected members. Every two years three candidates are elected to serve. The two candidates receiving the most votes earn a 4-year term, the 3rd winner earns a 2-year term.

### **What are the council members' responsibilities?**

City Council is the governing body of Farmington **RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING THE BUDGET and SETTING POLICIES**. Farmington is managed by a City Manager who oversees all Department Heads and is responsible for the City's day to day operations.

### **Do the candidates declare a political party?**

**NO.** The Farmington City Council is a **NON-PARTISAN** governmental agency.

**CHECK THIS OUT!**  
**See the other side...**



## KNOW!

### Before You Vote!

Discover the history of the  
Pawnee City Council

#### Who is on the City Council?

The City Council is composed of five elected  
members. Every two years, four council members  
are elected to serve. The fifth council member  
serves the odd-numbered years. A year term.  
The City Council meets in a public room.

#### What are the council members' responsibilities?

City Council is the governing body of  
Pawnee. It is responsible for the city's  
finances, and for the city's police and  
fire departments. It also has the power to  
declare a state of emergency.

#### Do the candidates declare a political party?

Yes. The Pawnee City Council is a body  
that is governed by a political party.

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

January 7, 2022

Committee to Elect Geof Perrot  
22661 Brookdale St.  
Farmington, MI 48336

Re: *Stavey v. Committee to Elect Geof Perrot*  
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2021-09-32-47

Dear Campaign to Elect Geof Perrot,

The Department of State (Department) has received a formal complaint filed against you by Jennifer Stacey. The complaint alleges that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or ACT) by reporting distributing campaign literature without the required "paid for by" statement and by making expenditures totaling more than \$1,000 on an election without filing the required campaign statements.

In Michigan, an expenditure is "a payment, donation, loan, or promise of payment of money or anything of ascertainable monetary value for goods, materials, services, or facilities in assistance of, or in opposition to, the nomination or election of a candidate, the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question, or the qualification of a new political party." MCL 169.206(1). Persons, including candidates, making expenditures in excess of \$500 are required to register as a committee under the act. MCL 169.224(1); MCL 169.203(4). Committees are required to submit campaign statements detailing their expenditures. MCL 169.226(1)(b). If a committee's total expenditures total less than \$1,000 over the course of an election cycle, the committee may be eligible for a waiver excusing it from submitting reports. MCL 169.224(5). However, if a committee excused from submitting campaign statements under the waiver provision at any point exceeds \$1,000 in expenditures for a given campaign cycle, that waiver is revoked and the committee is required to file said statements. A failure to file two or more required campaign statements is a misdemeanor "punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both." MCL 169.233(8).

In addition to reporting requirements, the MCFA and corresponding administrative rules also require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election include the phrase "Paid for by [name and address of the person who paid for the item]." MCL 169.247(1), R 169.36(2). A knowing violation constitutes a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00, imprisonment for up to 93 days, or both. MCL 169.247(6).

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Department's examination of these matters and of your right to respond to the allegations before the Department proceeds further. It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true. The investigation and resolution of this complaint are governed by section 15 of the Act and the corresponding administrative rules, R 169.51 *et seq.* An explanation of the investigation process is enclosed with this letter and a copy is available on the Department's website.

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 420 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. Materials should also be sent via email to [Elections@Michigan.gov](mailto:Elections@Michigan.gov) given the ongoing pandemic. 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 answers will be provided to Ms. Stacey, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all 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).

Sincerely,

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

Adam Fracassi  
Regulatory Manager

c: Jennifer Stacey

January 15, 2022  
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Mr. Adam Fracassi  
Regulatory Manager  
Department of State, Bureau of Elections  
Richard H. Austin Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
420 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Re: Stavey v. Committee to Elect Geof Perrot  
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2021-09-32-47

Dear Mr. Fracassi:

This letter is in response to your letter date January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 which was received by me on January 14, 2022.

I, nor did *The Committee to Elect Geof Perrot*, author, authorize, finance, publish, or otherwise contribute in any way to the door hanger mentioned within this complaint. There was no coordination between myself or the campaign committee with the author of this campaign material. My understanding is that Farmington resident Susan Arlin has since come forward publicly as the author of this door hanger via a comment on the Facebook page of Maria Taylor, a Farmington City Councilmember. This Facebook post and comments contained within has since been deleted by the page administrator.

Regards,

Geof Perrot



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231-250-3774  
geoffreyaperrot@hotmail.com



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

June 13, 2022

Jennifer Stacey  
31721 Sherwood Street  
Farmington, MI 48336

Re: *Stacey v. Committee to Elect Geof Perrot*  
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2021-09-32-47

Dear Ms. Stacey:

The Department of State received a response from Geof Perrot to the complaint you filed against them alleging a violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* A copy of the response is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

You may file a rebuttal statement after reviewing the enclosed response. If you elect to file a rebuttal statement, you are required to do so within 10 business days of the date of this letter. The rebuttal statement may be emailed to [BOERegulatory@michigan.gov](mailto:BOERegulatory@michigan.gov) or mailed to the Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Sincerely,

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Adam Fracassi, Regulatory Manager  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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LANSING

September 14, 2022

Committee to Elect Geof Perrot  
22661 Brookdale St.  
Farmington, MI 48336

Re: *Stacey v. Committee to Elect Geof Perrot*  
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2021-09-32-47

Dear Committee to Elect Geoff Perrot,

The Department of State (Department) has finished investigating the campaign finance complaint filed against you by Jennifer Stacey on September 29, 2021. The complaint alleges you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act) by distributing campaign literature without the required "paid for by" statement and by making expenditures totaling more than \$1,000 on an election without filing the required campaign statements.

You responded to the complaint on February 1, 2022. In your response you indicated that neither you, nor the Committee to Elect Geof Perrot, authorized, financed, published, or contributed to the door hanger mentioned in the complaint. You indicate that it is your understanding that a Farmington resident came forward publicly as the author of the door hanger.

Ms. Stacey was notified of your response on June 13, 2022, but did not provide a rebuttal.

In Michigan, an expenditure is "a payment, donation, loan, or promise of payment of money or anything of ascertainable monetary value for goods, materials, services, or facilities in assistance of, or in opposition to, the nomination or election of a candidate, the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question, or the qualification of a new political party." MCL 169.206(1). Persons, including candidates, making expenditures in excess of \$500 are required to register as a committee under the act. MCL 169.224(1); MCL 169.203(4). Committees are required to submit campaign statements detailing their expenditures. MCL 169.226(1)(b). If a committee's total expenditures total less than \$1,000 over the course of an election cycle, the committee may be eligible for a waiver excusing it from submitting reports. MCL 169.224(5). However, if a committee excused from submitting campaign statements under the waiver provision at any point exceeds \$1,000 in expenditures for a given campaign cycle, that waiver is revoked and the committee is required to file said statements. A failure to file two or more required campaign statements is a misdemeanor "punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both." MCL 169.233(8).

On November 29, 2021, the Committee to Elect Geof Perrot filed a [post-election campaign statement](#) with the Oakland County Clerk's office that reported in-kind contributions for yard signs and printing charges during the 2021 calendar year. As such, the Department finds that the committee filed all necessary statements; therefore, the Section 33 allegations contained in the complaint are dismissed.

In addition to reporting requirements, the MCFA and corresponding administrative rules also require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election include the phrase "Paid for by [name and address of the person who paid for the item]." MCL 169.247(1), R 169.36(2). A knowing violation constitutes a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00, imprisonment for up to 93 days, or both. MCL 169.247(6).

The Department concludes that you have submitted sufficient evidence to rebut the possibility that you violated the MCFA by failing to include the "Paid for by" information on printed materials. Specifically, the Department finds your explanation that an individual independent of yourself or the Committee to Elect Geof Perrot created and produced the door hanger mentioned in the complaint credible. Additionally, Ms. Stacey did not rebut your statement by providing any evidence indicating that you or your committee were responsible for the production or distribution of the materials. As such, the Department dismisses the Section 47 allegations contained in the complaint.

The Department's file on this matter is now closed and it will take no further action.

Sincerely,



Adam Fracassi, Regulatory Manager  
Regulatory Section  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Jennifer Stacey