Christina Hutchings

- Former small business owner
- Managing Consultant 'Absolutely HR'
- Experience representing 3 government entities of more than 1,000 employees
- More than 25 years consulting experience in compliance & regulations
- **Trusted Resident Advocate**
- **Delivering solutions for Ross Township Residents** Transparency. It's all right here.
- **Republican Party**
- Proud Supporter of Police, Firefighters and First Responders
- Grateful daughter of a Vietnam Veteran
- Alumni, Michigan State University
- Chairman of the Ross Township Board
- Secretary, Ross Township Board of Review
- Member, Kalamazoo County Township Supervisors
- Board of Directors, GLSWA
- Secretary, Island Cove Acres (past service)

Paid for by Committee to Retain Christina Hutchings for Ross Township Supervisor. CMTE ID 55306

CMTE to Retain Christina Hutchings P.O. Box 126 Augusta, MI 49012



TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2022

For Progress & Integrity

Keep Ross Township Safe



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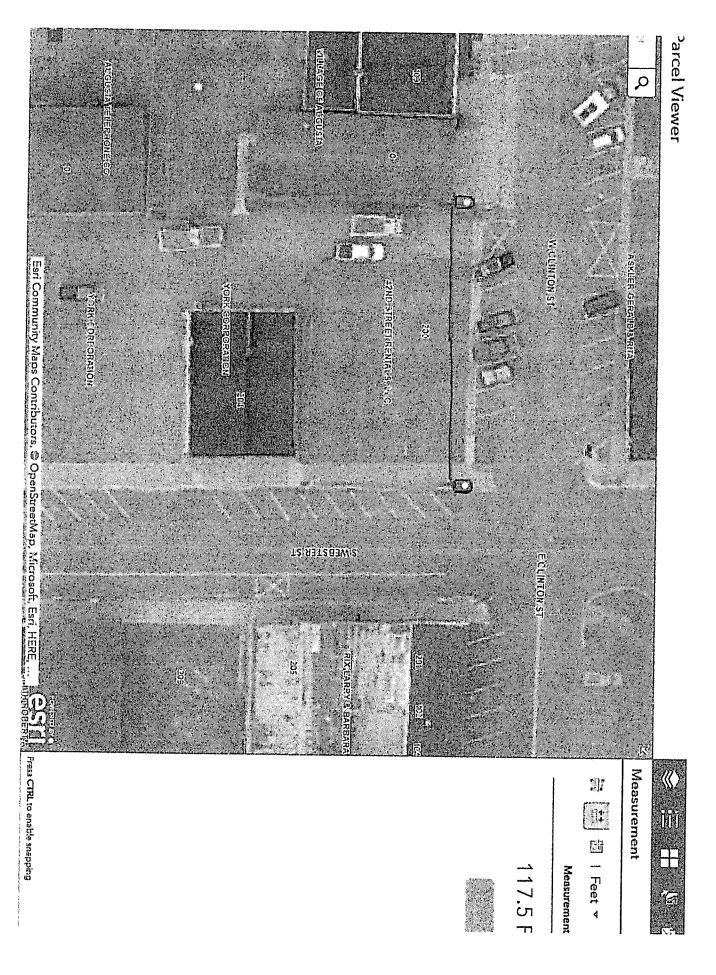
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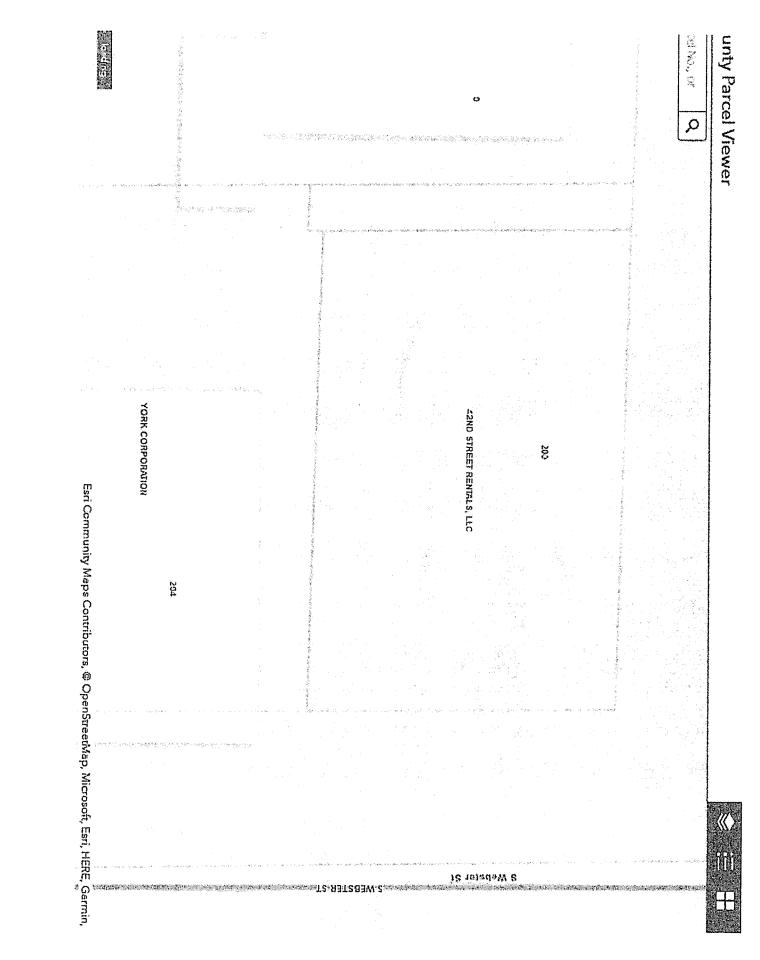
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Alex Harris









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Campaign Materials

Rob Thall <thall@michigantownshiplaw.com> Fri 7/29/2022 2:00 PM

To: Harris, Alexander <harr1530@msu.edu>

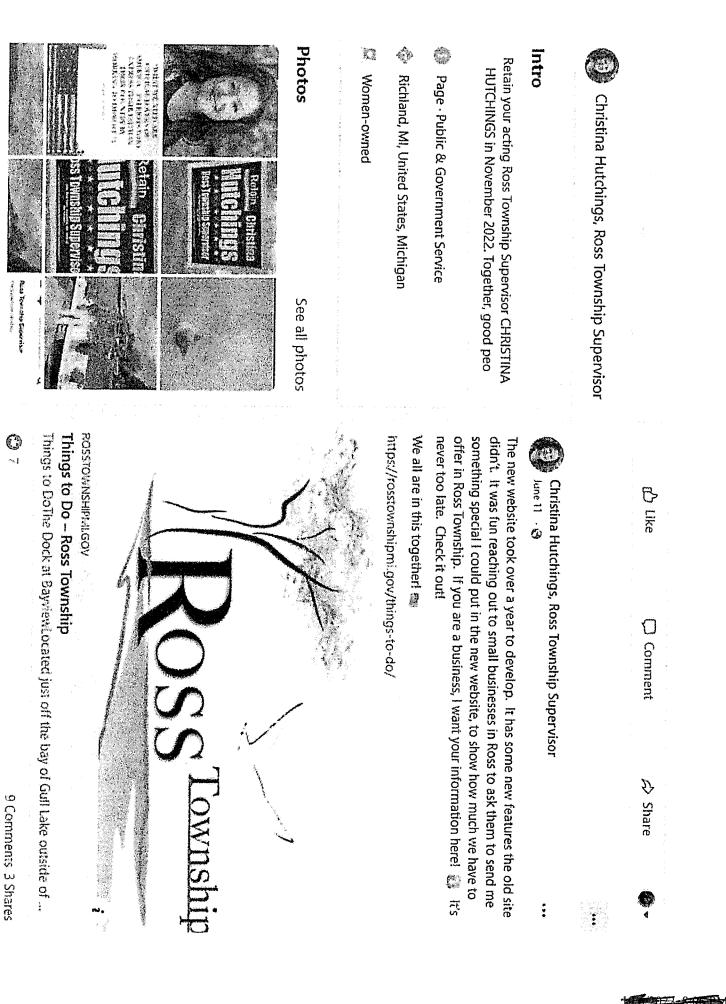
Hi Alex, it is my understanding that the Township has received complaints regarding your campaign materials. In particular, your use of the Township logo and photos from Township webpages. Please understand that these are the intellectual property of Ross Township and cannot be used without Township permission. You do not have permission to use these items. Please cease and desist from any further use. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. We look forward to your compliance. Thanks-----Rob

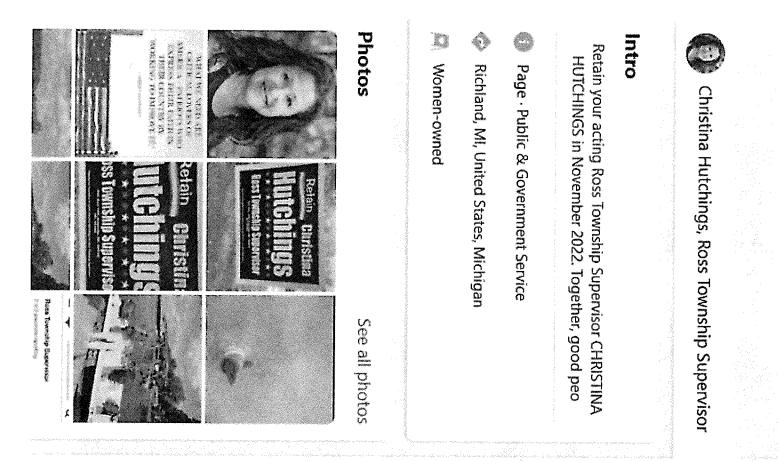
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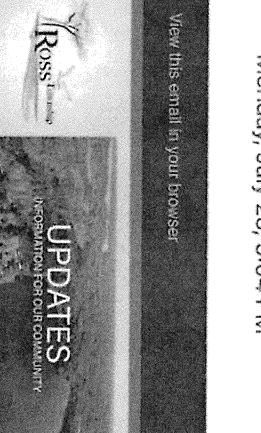




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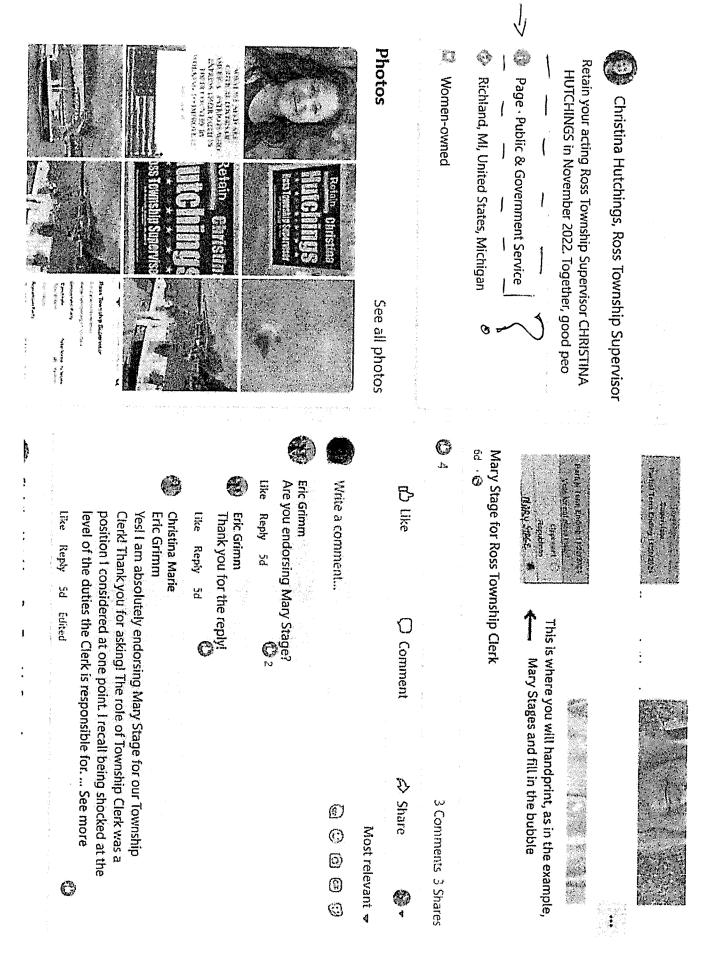
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Sent:	Friday, October 7, 2022 3:40 PM
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Greetings Bureau of Elections:

Perhaps you are suggesting I file 2 complaints for Mr. Harris? One on behalf of Ross Township? Ross Township's legal counsel clearly had cause to order a cease and desist for his promoting for political and personal gain, the Township's photos and logo without consent of the Township. When Alex Harris attended the Board meeting of September 28 and accused us of harassment, I had to remind him he was STILL USING a photo of the Ross Township fire department and offices on his Facebook campaign page, which is a continued violation of our attorneys cease and desist and our website's Terms of Use agreement. He finally changed his cover page after this meeting.

Second to this, Christina Hutchings has been the Ross Township Supervisor since I was appointed by the Board of Trustees February 2021. Having successfully campaigned and win the August primary, I am no longer just a candidate. I am officially employed by the Township as Supervisor, I am NOT APPOINTED. I had to campaign for the role I won, and none of my campaign materials used Ross Twp. Logo or resources. Attached samples for your review.

The Ross Township Newsletter "Updates you can use" is public. This resource is emailed from the Township to over 500 emails. We provide technology within the newsletter itself to share with others, forward text a link, and post our Newsletter to various other websites as desired in the public realm. This is specifically created for a mass communication mailing via email, and it is intended to be shared. I broke no rules by sharing the Ross Township newsletter to my campaign page to promote it to constituents.

'Christina Hutchings for Ross Township Supervisor' has NEVER been a topic of writing or influence in this official enewsletter campaign, and residents have not EVER received an e-newsletter endorsing ANY CANDIDATE. This includes me, Mary Stage, Carin Louis (the current Clerk), and Alex Harris.

Any of these candidates as well as the general public can repost and share the e-newsletter, this is not illegal. I enclose examples. Should I have used the e-newsletter to advance my campaign, that would be of concern. I assure you—this did not ever occur.

I have authority to run my own Facebook page, called 'Christina Hutchings, Ross Township Supervisor'. This is NOT an official page of Ross Township, especially because it has my face and title only. No official Township business is EVER conducted via this Facebook page. I will, on occasion, pull ALREADY PUBLIC INFORMATION from the Ross Twp website to answer constituents' questions off Township working hours.

Ross Township's website is <u>www.rosstownshipmi.gov</u>

I encourage you to look at our website and the details that are open to public view and sharing. This is exactly why the Township created a "Terms of Use" legal statement, so people could use what they want, but not abuse Township specific logos and photographs.

I contacted Kalamazoo County Clerk's office of Elections to be sure I was able to speak as Christina Hutchings, and not as official Ross Township, using my own Facebook page. I have exercised caution to keep both Township website and resources very separate from my own Facebook page offerings. When I post township information from the Township's website, I cite where it came from. It is never cited as my original or exclusive work.

In closing, I have a right to voice whomever I choose to endorse on my own Facebook page. I chose to endorse Mary Stage, Alex Harris' opponent. This is my right and I have NEVER disparaged Alex Harris publicly on my Facebook or on the Townships website. I urge you to view both Ross Township's website and my personal Facebook site, you will clearly see the Township has never endorsed any political candidate. None of the Township website's resources have been used to promote me, Mary Stage, or Alex Harris.

I still contend Mr. Harris' unauthorized use of the Ross Township logo in his campaign flyers from 2020 and again in 2022, are very clear violations. If I am to know better, just like all other political candidates, so should he. I attach my campaign resources for your review since Mr. Harris is trying to accuse me of wrongdoing.

One final: One document with the flag and "Kerry Lynn Elieff" isn't my campaign material. If you look closely, it was my opponent's campaign flyer, not mine.

Respectfully, Christina Hutchings

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Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 2:29:04 PM
To: cmhutchings1@live.com <cmhutchings1@live.com>
Subject: Hutchings v. Harris complaint

Dear Ms. Hutchings,

Please see the attached. The Department has already replied to Mr. Harris that a change to the complaint name may only be made by the complainant. Please let us know if you would like the complainant to be listed as Ross Township. Thank you.

Regulatory Section <u>Bureau of Elections</u> Michigan Department of State **Main:** 517-335-3234 <u>BOERegulatory@michigan.gov</u> From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Christina Hutchings <cmhutchings1@live.com> Tuesday, October 11, 2022 7:58 AM MDOS-BOERegulatory Hutchings v. Alex Harris Rebuttal Alex Harris 10.2022.pdf

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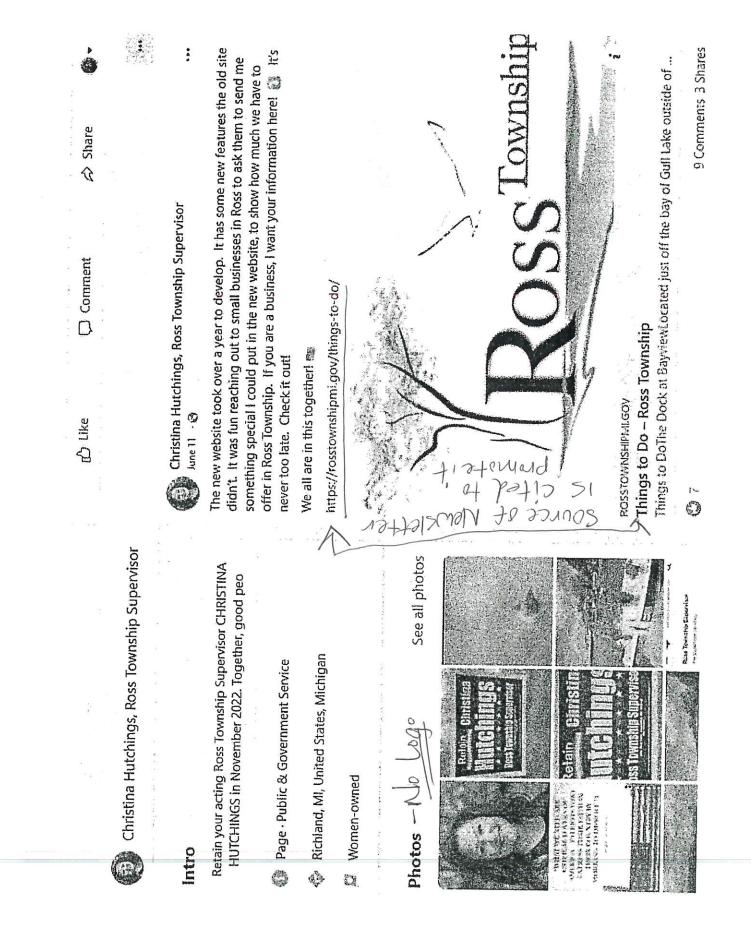
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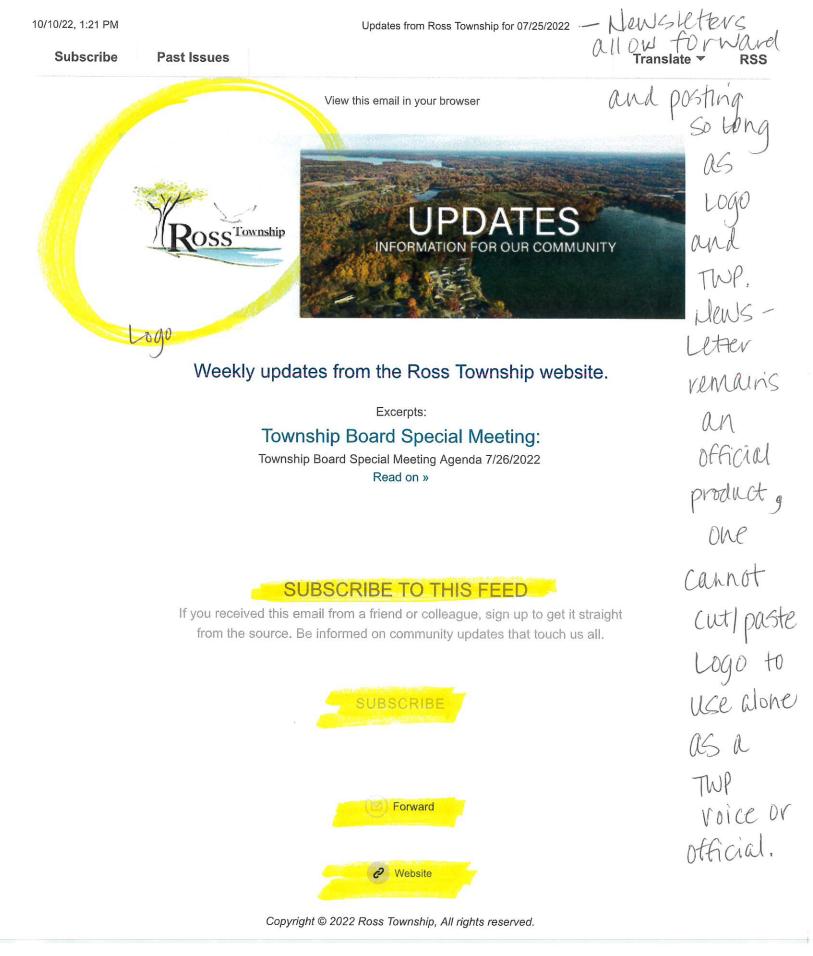
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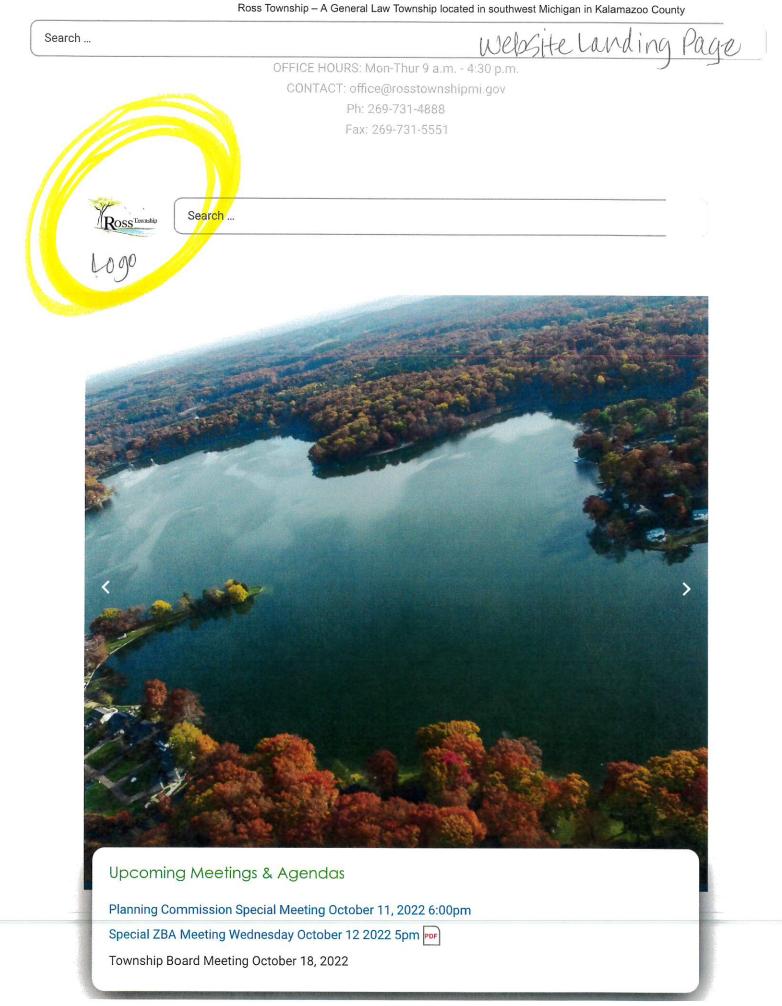
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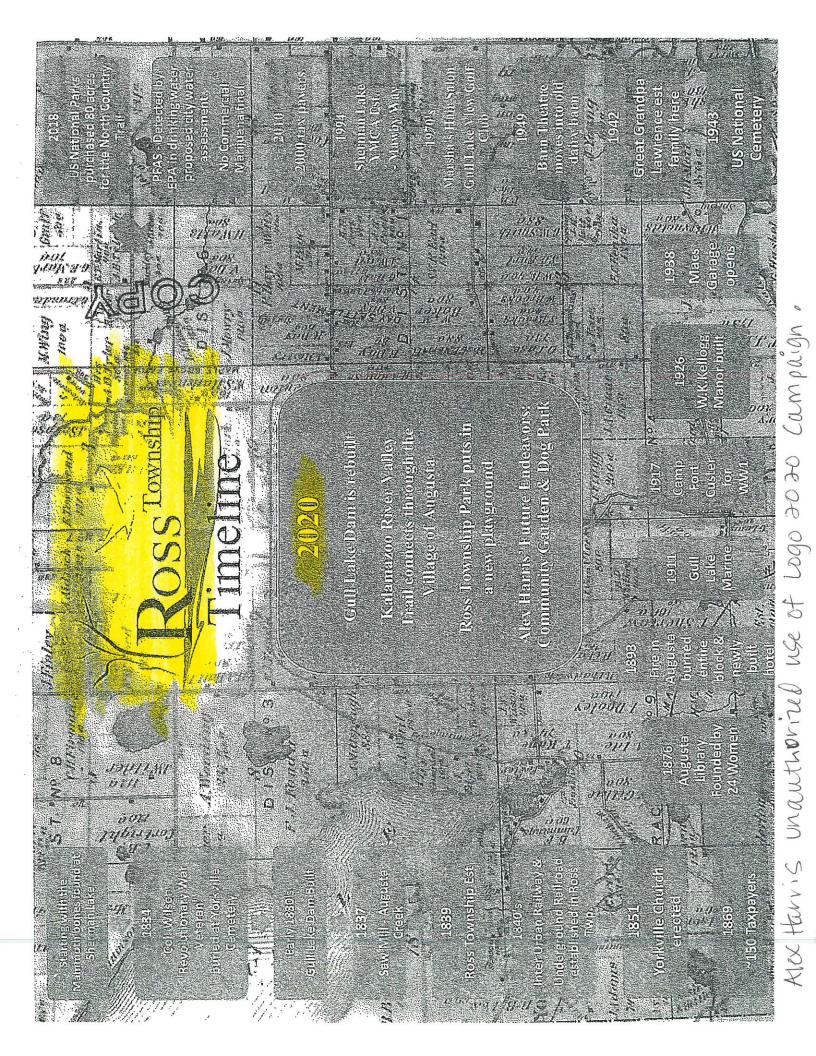
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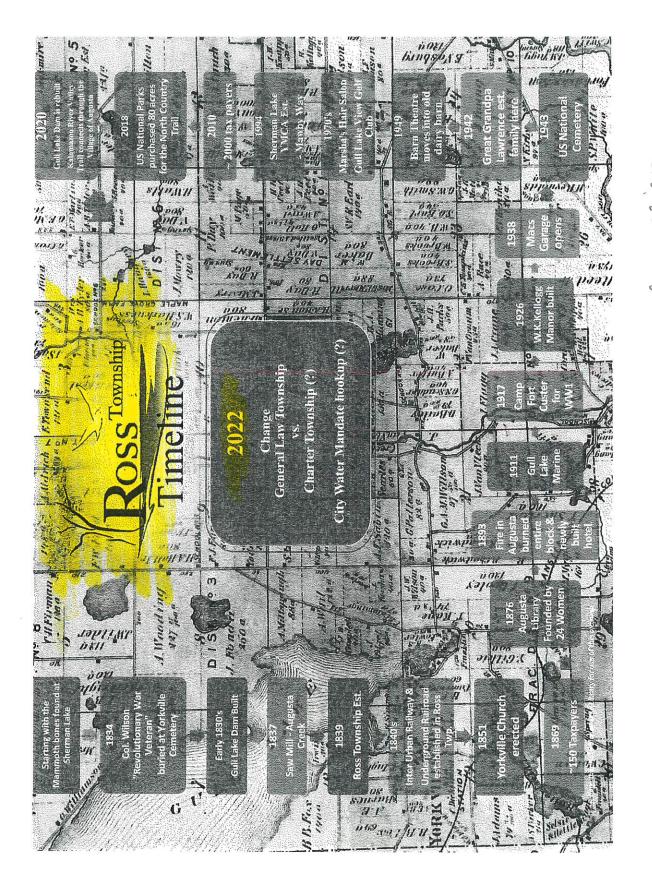
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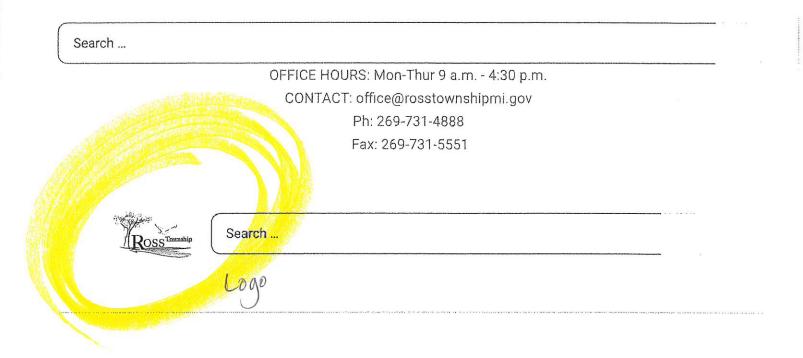
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Contact Us

Ross Township welcomes your questions or comments regarding the Terms:

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From: MDOS-BOERegulatory <MDOS-BOERegulatory@michigan.gov> Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 9:24 AM To: Harris, Alexander <harr1530@msu.edu> Subject: RE: Harris v Ross Township

Dear Mr. Harris,

The Michigan Campaign Finance Act and corresponding administrative rules require that a complaint be signed by the complainant, contain the alleged violator(s) name(s) and address(es), and contain the following certification statement, "I certify that the statements set forth above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief." MCL 169.215(6). Additionally, all available evidence must be submitted with a complaint.

I have enclosed a form that you may use to resubmit your complaint, if you so choose, together with an explanation of the process. Use of the form is not mandatory, but use of the form does help to ensure your complaint contains all of the required information. The form is also available on our website here: <u>Campaign Finance Complaint Process (michigan.gov)</u>

You may submit a copy of this form and evidence by mail or by email.

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

Thank you,

Regulatory Section Bureau of Elections Michigan Department of State

From: Harris, Alexander <harr1530@msu.edu> Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 9:52 PM To: MDOS-BOERegulatory <MDOS-BOERegulatory@michigan.gov> Subject: Harris v Ross Township

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The Township has decided Not to enforce their own individuals in office. Here is the sign of Ross Townships own appointed clerk, Carin L. This sign missing the address during the primary in August 2022. This is another example of the township supervisor not being fair, using the office wrongly.

Please see attachment

Thank you

Alex Harris