BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Jeffrey A. Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

ORDER OF NONCOMPLIANCE

To: Green Party of Missoula

No. NC-18-001

WHEREAS, the above-named entity, Green Party of Missoula, is operating as a political committee as evidenced by statements provided to Holly K. Michels of Lee Newspapers and subsequent article published by the Lee Newspaper group (including the Missoulian, Independent Record, among others; and

WHEREAS, statements attributed to a Danielle Breck included the acceptance of \$2000 from the National Green Party to a group called Green Party of Missoula, and that money was expended on incentives for signature gatherers; and

WHEREAS, a search of Commissioner of Political Practice records indicate no record of the Green Party of Missoula, or any record of a contribution of \$2000 to any affiliated Montana Green Party committee; and

WHEREAS, despite information provided to Danielle Breck by the COPP via email on March 27 and subsequent phone conversation on March 28, 2018, the group has failed to:

- File a Statement of Organization as required by §13-37-201, MCA;
- Based upon type of expenditure and date of certain expenditures
 and/or contributions, failed to file a committee finance report;

The Lee Newspaper article may be referenced here:

http://helenair.com/news/government-and-politics/montana-secretary-of-state-democratic-superdelegate-is-challenging-the-green/article_bf9f8a20-2f8e-5696-b783-71358c4635ce.html#tracking-source=home-the-latest.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 13-37-121, MCA, that is and is declared to be in NONCOMPLIANCE with the provisions of sections 13-37-201, MCA, et. seq and ARM 44.11.201; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a County Attorney or the Commissioner may, on failure by Green Party of Missoula to submit appropriate Statement of Organization report within 5 days after receiving this Order of Noncompliance, may initiate a civil action pursuant to sections 13-37-124 and 13-37-128, MCA; and

FURTHER, if Green Party of Missoula is aggrieved by the issuance of this Order of Noncompliance, it may seek judicial review in District Court pursuant to section 13-37-122, MCA.

DATED this day of March 2018.

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