BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Jeffrey A. Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

ORDER OF NONCOMPLIANCE

To: Holt Gibson

No. COPP-2022-ONC-004

WHEREAS, the above named candidate, Holt Gibson filed, as a candidate for election to HD 72 with Montana's Secretary of State's office on March 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Holt Gibson filed a C-1A Statement of Candidate as a candidate for election to House District 72 in Beaverhead County with the COPP on March 18, 2022 using the CERS electronic reporting system; and

WHEREAS, As a 2022 state district candidate, candidate Gibson was required to file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before April 20, 2022, covering all contribution and expenditure activity for the period of March 16, 2022 through April 15, 2022. Candidate Gibson was also required to file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before May 20, 2022, covering all contribution

and expenditure activity for the period of April 16, 2022 through May 14, 2022¹; and

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2022, COPP Compliance Specialists sent an email reminding candidates who had not yet filed the required April 20 C-5 campaign finance report of their requirement to do so. On May 25, 2022, COPP Compliance Specialists emailed candidate Gibson to notify the campaign that it had yet to file the required April 20, 2022 C-5 campaign finance report. This email message goes on to state that:

By filing a Statement of Candidate with this Office certifying your candidacy for election to a state district office, your campaign was required to file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before that April 20 date. COPP records indicate you have not yet filed this required financial report.

You will need to log into the CERS system and file the required April 20, 2022 C-5 campaign finance report. This required report must be filed by 8:00 AM Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Failure to file by that date may result in an Order of Noncompliance being issued by Commissioner Mangan.

This message also contained a reminder about the required C-5 campaign finance report due on or before May 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, COPP Compliance Specialists sent an email reminding candidates, including candidate Gibson, who had not yet filed the required May 20 C-5 campaign finance report of their requirement to do so;

WHEREAS, despite public reporting calendars, COPP website and social media updates, instruction and guidance provided to Candidates by COPP staff:

¹ See all candidate reporting calendars at https://politicalpractices.mt.gov/Home/Reporting-Calendars

- Candidate Gibson did not file a C-5 campaign financial report on or before April 20, 2021;
- Candidate Gibson did not respond to COPP staff requests to file required reports on or before May 20, 2021.
- As of the start of the business day (8:00 AM) June 9, 2022,
 candidate Gibson had not filed the required April or May, 2022, C 5 campaign finance reports.

A copy of the candidate's Statement of Candidate is attached.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to §13-37-121, MCA, that is declared to be in NONCOMPLIANCE with the provisions of sections § 13-37-225, MCA and ARM 44.11.302; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a County Attorney or the Commissioner may, on failure by to submit appropriate campaign finance reports 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 is aggrieved by the issuance of this Order of Noncompliance, he may seek judicial review in District Court pursuant to section §13-37-122, MCA.

DATED this day of June 2022.

Jeffrey A Mangan

Commissioner of Political Practices

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Statement of Candidate (C1 or C1-A)

Candidate Information

Candidate Full Name: Gibson, Holt R

Mailing Address: 336 W Bannack St. Dillon, MT 59725

Physical Address: Dillon, MT 59725

Home Phone: (406) 459-3369

Alternate Phone:

Campaign Email Address: holtgibson@gmail.com

Election Year: 2022

Candidate Type: State District

Office Sought: House District No. 72

Resident County: Beaverhead
Political Party: Democratic
Current Status: Amended
Date Filed: 03/18/2022
Amended Date: 03/25/2022
D1 Received Date: 03/21/2022

C118 Received Date: Reporting Status:

Bank Full Name: Wells Fargo

Bank Address: 20 N. Montana Dillon, MT 59725

Campaign Treasurer Information

Treasurer Full Name: Gibson, Holt R

Mailing Address: 336 W. Bannack St Dillon, MT 59725

Physical Address:

Home Phone: (406) 459-3369

Alternate Phone:

Home or Personal Email Address: holtgibson@gmail.com

Deputy Treasurer Information