

Cook, Scott

From: Lois Fitzpatrick <loisfitzpatrick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 9:24 PM
To: Cook, Scott
Cc: jmangan@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Guthrie v. Fitzpatrick, 2022-CFP-005
Attachments: 2022-04-27_192135.pdf

Dear Commissioner Mangan and Mr. Cook,

I am writing in response about the complaint filed against me by Greg Guthrie in particular about the C-5 filing.

I was in arrears of filing financials. I corrected it tonight (4/27/22). I am self financing my campaign, being taken from my checking account. I ordered and paid for my campaign materials on 4/11/22, from Allegra in Helena. I paid for it with my credit card. I am enclosing a copy of the receipt.

In Mr. Guthrie's complaint he stated that I have not reported any donations, or donations in kind were reported. A good explanation for this is there have been no donations. I made the decision early on to self finance. He also states that the Helena Education Association has donated \$200.00 to each of the candidates they have endorsed. "We don't know if she also got that or she turned it down.", according to Mr. Guthrie. The HEA did state they would send me a check, BUT I have not received any check. I figured it is in the mail. I was also never told how much they were donating to me. I found this out from Mr. Guthrie. I did not know I needed to report to him if I had turned it down. However, I never expected to be endorsed or given any money, so when I state that I was financing the campaign on my own, I meant it. I had not been interviewed by the HEA, when I made my application to run.

I have corrected the attribution statement on all the yard signs in my possession. I had 30 made and 15 distributed. I will contact those who took signs and ask them to put it on the signs. These are all in private homes and yards. I do not know if they will or not. I include a picture of the corrected sign on my property. All of the door sign have been distributed and there is no way of correcting these. I apologize.

If I have not corrected the problems, please let me know.

I apologize for not being in compliance.

Yours truly,

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quantity	description	amount
30	18x24 yard signs w/ stands (design and layout included)	\$ 520.00
500	3.75x8.5-Door Hangers (simple design included)	\$ 549.00

Sales Rep: House	subtotal	\$ 1,069.00
Account Type: COD	shipping/postage	\$ 0.00
Wanted: Fri 4/22/22	subtotal	\$ 1069.00
File Originals	total	\$ 1,069.00

received by:

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signature

please pay from this invoice

\$ 1,069.00

\$ 0.00

Invoices not paid when due are subject to a late charge of 1.5% per month, 18% per annum or the highest rate permitted by law. Minimum finance charge of \$5.00 per month. If the amount due is placed for collection I agree to pay reasonable attorney fees, costs and expenses.

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On Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 7:52 PM, loisfitzpatrick <loisfitzpatrick@yahoo.com> wrote:

Scott,

I have added the attribution to all signs on our property. Do I need to contact those that received yard signs to do this? Also to my count only about 15 signs were distributed, leaving 15 signs in my possession.

I am responding to the c-5 reports in a different letter

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

HELENA SCHOOL BOARD

PAID FOR BY LOIS A FITZPATRICK; 237 FLAGSTONE AVE. HELENA MT 59602



Cook, Scott

From: Lois Fitzpatrick <loisfitzpatrick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Cook, Scott
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Attribution proof Guthrie v. Fitzpatrick, 2022-CFP-005

Scott,

Thank you for the follow-up. Hopefully, this will fully answer the complaint.

1. Yard Signs. On April 11, 2022, I ordered 30 yard sign from Allegra. The signs were picked up from Allegra on April 20th. At this point I have 7 left in my possession. 23 have been distributed to various people who requested the signs. The signs started being distributed approximately on April 22 and finished on April 24. The attribution should have read: PAID FOR BY LOIS FITZPATRICK, 237 FLAGSTONE AVE, HELENA MT 59602. So far, 6 signs have had this added to them. I am contacting those who requested the signs to see if they can put this on the signs or if they would let us do it. Some people to multiple signs for family and friends and I do not have a record of all of those.

2. Door Hangers. On April 11, 2022, I ordered 500 door hangers from Allegra. The hangers were picked up from Allegra on April 20th. At this point, I only have one sign left and it is for my files. So 499 door hangers were distributed. The door hangers started being distributed on April 21 and finished being distributed on April 24. The attribution should have read: PAID FOR BY LOIS FITZPATRICK, 237 FLAGSTONE AVE, HELENA, MT 59602. There isn't anyway to correct these hangers.

Yours truly,

Lois A Fitzpatrick

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On Thursday, April 28, 2022, 9:10 AM, Cook, Scott <SCook3@mt.gov> wrote:

Lois,

Thanks for that. As we discussed yesterday, the 'paid for by' attribution needs to be added to all copies of the yard signs. We would also request you provide a statement detailing the total number of materials purchased, the date or dates the material was distributed, and what the attribution message should have said on those materials.

COPP also requires additional information about the door hanger material noted in the formal CFP Compliant, as that material also did not appear to include attribution as required. Again, we would need the total number of items distributed, the date or dates they were distributed, and a statement of the attribution message that should have been included.

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