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Complaint Form (10/09)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Alex Beal

Complete Mailing Address 10305 Valley Grove Drive

Lolo, MT 59847

Phone Numbers: Work 406-363-6330 Home 406-540-1710

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Unknown

Complete Mailing Address _____

Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home _____

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Ravalli

I, Alex Beal, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Alex Beal
Signature of Complainant



LINDA CLIFTON (SEAL)
LINDA CLIFTON
NOTARY PUBLIC-MONTANA
Residing at Hamilton, Montana
My Comm. Expires Aug. 24, 2015

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September 2013

Linda Clifton
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

See attached letter.

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by certified mail.

Alex Beal

PLLC

September 12, 2013

Via Certified US Mail

Mr. Jonathan Motl
Commissioner of Political Practices
P. O. Box 202401
Helena, MT 59620-2401

Re: Lolo School Bond Election Complaint

Dear Mr. Motl:

This complaint is lodged in regard to the Lolo School District bond election, a mail election in Missoula County, with ballots mailed on or about September 12, 2013 and due October 1, 2013.

Beginning on or about September 9, 2013 I began to notice a number of signs, in two varieties, which advocate the defeat of that ballot issue. I have attached copies of pictures of those signs, labeled Exhibits A-C. Those labeled B & C are the front and back pictures of the same sign. These signs appear to have been professionally printed, and appear to be of a fairly standard size, approximately 2 feet. I would describe them, colloquially, as "yard signs." These signs contain no attribution, conspicuous or otherwise, of whom they were "paid for by," nor that person or entity's address or phone number.

Those signs are displayed in front of a number of businesses along Highway 93 in Lolo. I have noted the signs at:

- KT's Hayloft casino, 11885 Highway 93 South
- An unoccupied structure, formerly a bar, at 11865 Highway 93 South (SW Corner of Highway 93 and Lewis & Clark Drive)
- Steve's Saw Shop, 11695 Highway 93 South
- An unoccupied structure, formerly an alteration shop, 11595 Highway 93 South
- Dukes Antique Secondhand, 11700 Highway 93 South

Additionally, the electronic sign at KT's Hayloft Casino displays rotating messages advocating the defeat of that ballot issue. The sign, which I would assume qualifies as an "outdoor advertising facility," does not attribute its message to anyone.

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Mt. Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices

September 12, 2013

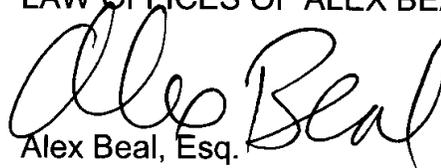
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As many of those properties including the Hayloft are owned by Mr. Frank Miller (PO Box 730, Lolo, MT 59847) I would assume that he is the person responsible for these signs, though obviously I have no way of knowing for sure.

I believe that these signs, both electronic and printed, appear to violate MCA § 13-35-225(1). I am submitting this complaint to you pursuant to ARM 44.10.307.

Sincerely,

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Alex Beal, Esq.

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NO**

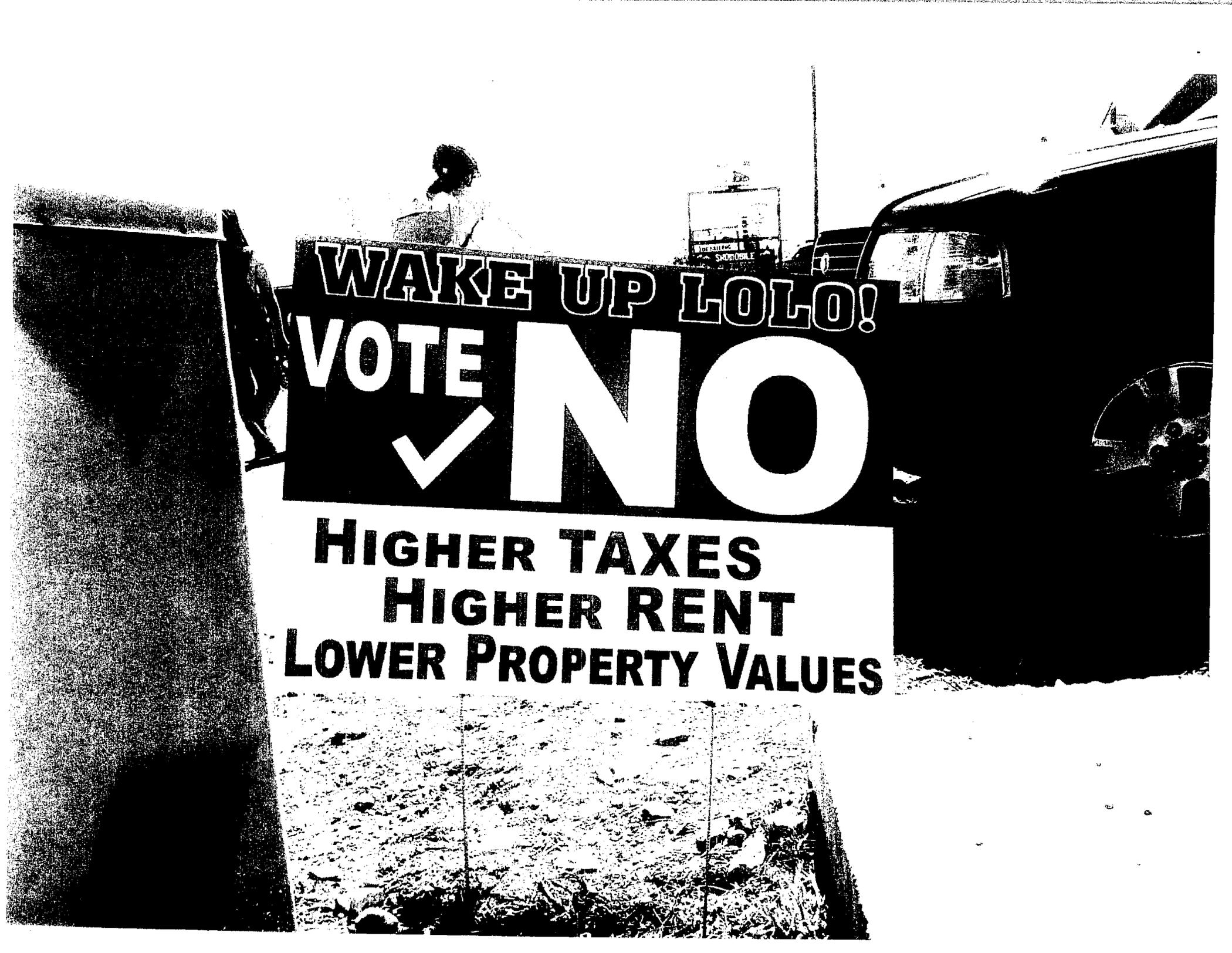
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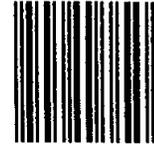
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