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### Campaign Finance and Practices

### Complaint Form (10/09)

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

#### Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Carolyn Berkram, Glacier County Attorney  
Complete Mailing Address PO Box 428  
Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Phone Numbers: Work 406-873-5888 Home 406-470-1549

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

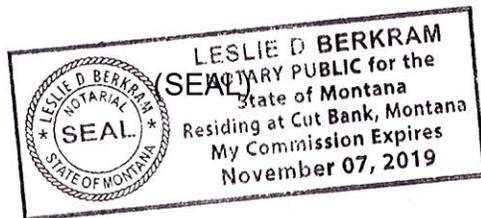
Complete Name Michael DesRosier  
Complete Mailing Address PO Box 2800  
Browning, MT 59417  
Phone Numbers: Work 406-873-3603 Home 406-338-2800

**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 Glacier

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



Carolyn Berkram  
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of June, 2016.

Leslie Berkram  
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.

Letters from Carolyn Berkram, Glacier County Attorney, dated June 9 and 13, 2016, are attached hereto.

**Complaints must be:**

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

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June 9, 2016

Mr. Jonathan R. Motl  
Commissioner of Political Practices  
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Helena, MT 59620-2401

Re: Michael DesRosier, Candidate for Glacier County Commissioner

Dear Commissioner Motl:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. A photo taken by me showing Michael DesRosier's campaign sign. It appears to violate §13-35-225(1) and (2) as there is no "paid for by" or party affiliation.
2. Copy of a "palm card" which was provided to voters on June 7, 2016, in Browning, Montana. The card was brought to me by resident Elaine Mitchell who was a poll watcher. I believe the card violates §13-35-225(1) as there is no "paid for by" information.

I believe Michael DesRosier spearheaded, or was at least involved in, the preparation of this card. On May 26, 2016, Janine Scott, the Glacier County Clerk of Court, reported to me that Mr. DesRosier had come to her office the preceding day to discuss placement of her name on palm cards which were to be handed out at the polls. (This was during regular business hours.) During the discussion, DesRosier also talked about the Glacier County Democratic Central Committee and that the only people involved in it were he and Glenda Hall, Glacier County Clerk and Recorder. At first Scott had no objection to being on the palm card, but later changed her mind and contacted both DesRosier and Hall regarding that.

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I would appreciate your review of this information for violations of Montana law and ask you to proceed accordingly. If you require anything further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn Berkram". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Carolyn Berkram  
Glacier County Attorney

Encs.

**VOTE**

**MICHAEL**

**DES ROSIER**

**COMMISSIONER**

## 2016 Primary Election Candidates

Tuesday  
June 7th, 2016



- **YOUR CHOICE**  
*For President*
- **DENISE JUNEAU**  
*For U.S. Representative*
- **STEVE BULLOCK/MIKE COONEY**  
*For Governor/Lt. Governor*
- **MONICA LINDEEN**  
*For Secretary of State*
- **LARRY JENT**  
*For Attorney General*
- **JESSE LASLOVICH**  
*For State Auditor*
- **MELISSA RAMANO**  
*For Superintendent of Public Instruction*
- **GEORGE G KIPP III**  
*For House District 15*
- **SUSAN WEBER**  
*For House District 16*
- **MICHAEL DESROSIER**  
*For County Commissioner, District 3*
- **MIKE MCGRATH**  
*For Supreme Court Chief Justice*
- **DIRK SANDERFUR**  
*For Supreme Court Justice #3*
- **JIM SHEA**  
*For Supreme Court Justice #6*

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June 13, 2016

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RE: Michael DesRosier, Candidate for Glacier County Commissioner

Dear Commissioner Motl:

As a follow-up to my letter of June 9, 2016, enclosed is a copy of a letter that was reportedly handed out as campaign literature on Election Day by Michael DesRosier. It appears to violate §13-35-225(1) MCA, as it does not include the address of the person who made or financed the expenditure.

I would appreciate your review of this information for violations of Montana law and ask you to proceed accordingly. If you require anything further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn Berkram".

CAROLYN BERKRAM  
Glacier County Attorney

Hi, I am Michael DesRosier and I am running for re-election for Glacier County Commissioner. I want your vote in the primary election on June 7, 2016. I was elected to the commission and have worked very hard to have our voices heard and have a level playing field when it comes to county government. I have met much resistance from some in the non-Indian community of Cut Bank.

I have worked very hard to see that other members of our tribe and community were elected and today we have six of the elected offices in Glacier County held by Blackfeet Tribal Members. This is a first in U.S. history that Native People control county government. This unique position allows us to have a voice for native people that we have never had before. It comes with a lot of responsibility that we are careful not to abuse. Glacier County is almost a hundred years old and has been run by non-Indians for 90 years so there is a very loud cry in the local papers that try and paint this government as corrupt, dishonest, bankrupt and failing. This garbage is put in the local papers every single week and is all totally untrue.

Under my leadership we have gone from being broke and struggling as a county to having more money than ever available, no new taxes and a whole lot of new infrastructure added in Glacier County. We are on the right path and my opposition would like to undo all we have built and provided just because we are native. They really would cut their nose off to spite their face. We are under constant scrutiny to hold to a higher standard than any previous commission in Glacier's history. We have been able to meet the higher bar that is set for all Natives in everything we do. No other county in Montana can come close to what we have accomplished in the last ten years.

Here in Browning we have opened the county satellite office, providing services that previously required our people to travel to Cut Bank for including an elections office that is the first in the nation to provide that on a reservation. We have a driver examiner that comes to Browning now and a fully staffed county road crew and weed crew working out of Browning. We have built a lighted path to the new high school and welcome signs to the communities here. We have hired local people and contractors to do many of the jobs that were once unavailable to people from the reservation or tribal members. My opposition seeks to undo all that, going backward to the time when the reservation was not considered for any services from the county. I have fought for a level playing field for over ten years and would like your support to continue that effort. It is very important that tribal members have a voice in the affairs that affect our daily lives at the level of county and state government and it is important to support those of us that can use the experience we've gained to continue to make a difference in the lives of the Blackfeet people. I thank you for your support and vote. Michael DesRosier



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