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Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name

KENT MADIN

Complete Mailing Address

14543 Kelly Canyon Rd
Bozeman, MT 59715

Phone Numbers:

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406-595-2310

Home

406-587-4732

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

Complete Name

Tom Kitts

Complete Mailing Address

318 South 7th St.
Livingston, MT 59047

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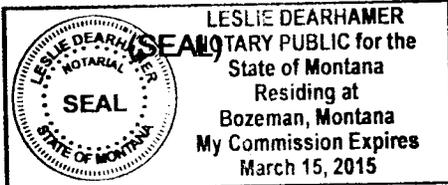
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Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Gallatin

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



Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of January, 2013.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

January 13, 2013

Complaint Against Tom Kitts presented to the Commissioner of Political Practices
1205 Eighth Street
Helena, MT 59620

This complaint stems from public knowledge of campaign materials featured in the Frontline documentary "Big Sky, Big Money" which aired in October of this year. The documentary suggested that there had been inappropriate collaboration between Western Traditions Partnership and several candidates. One of the specific elements suggesting collaboration was the consistent template of so-called "wife letters" and wife questionnaires. These letters were apparently generated with considerable guidance by Western Traditions Partnership representatives who established the format and style of the letters which were produced so as to appear personal and authentic.

After I filed a complaint against Tom Burnett of Bozeman, I received two more examples of very similar letters which also seem to fit the "wife letter" mould. The second letter I received is ostensibly written by Lisa Kitts of Livingston, Montana. The letter was written in support of her husband Tom in the 2010 election for City Commission in Livingston, Montana.

I believe that any reasonable person might be suspicious that Tom Kitts was one of the candidates with whom the WTP collaborated. In fact, the circumstantial evidence is so strong that, if Kitts did not collaborate with WTP, he deserves to have his name fully and officially cleared.

I wrote to Tom Kitts last month and asked specifically if he did collaborate with WTP and the possible origin of the letter, which is marked as produced by his campaign. Mr. Kitts responded that the letter is entirely of his wife's creation and was not associated with WTP. I have appended that email exchange after the signature line.

I believe that Tom Kitts and WTP may be guilty of violating administrative rules 44.10.321 and 44.10.323 and may perhaps have violated other rules I am unfamiliar with and should be investigated. Attached is a copy of the "wife letter" in question.



Kent Madin
14543 Kelly Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715

Subject: Re: Your campaign Letter from 2010
From: Tom Kitts (twkitts@gmail.com)
To: rett139@yahoo.com;
Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 6:16 PM

Ken,

So I am going to be investigated by CPP? What a joke.....if I am, rest assured that will not be the end of it. I really think its time we stop communicating...you seeking to dress me down with accusations will not go unaddressed. I don't know who you think you are, but I know you are a progressive liberal....the election I was in was over a year ago...why stir up crap? To make yourself feel better?

You California transplants moved with to "save Montanans from themselves"....natives know this and this is why folks like you are hated so much. Please, Ken, it's time to stop talking, I have had quite enough. I live in Livingston and work in Nevada, traveling home on my days off....I surely don't need contention from a stranger in my life. Have good day and I wish you well.

Tom

On Tue, Jan 8, 2013 at 3:09 PM, Kent Madin < > wrote:

Dear Tom,
Since I am sure that you meant no threat saying "Ya, I think I'd like to talk to you face to face....how about it?", you can rest assured I was making a simple statement.

Again, like with "you people" I really don't know what "Agenda 21 people" means. Sorry if I've got you stirred up.

Given that the letter is only coincidentally similar to those associated with Western Traditions Partnership the CPP will doubtless find you blameless. Perhaps your attorney will agree that public exoneration by the CPP will be a positive outcome.

Kent Madin

From: Tom Kitts < >

To: Kent Madin < >
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 2:28 PM

Subject: Re: Your campaign Letter from 2010

Are you threatening me with the "before I file a complaint" statement? Am showing this to my attorney as we speak and he is quite amused....I have NEVER run for any official office before, have done nothing wrong and plan to never do anything wrong and also, will never run for a never run for office again...too many Agenda 21 people in our midst...are YOU one of them? PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL ME NOR CONTACT ME IN ANY WAY AGAIN...you obviously have nothing better to do than stir up shit....Good day, partner. Yep, we true Montanans have been CALIFORNICATED...

On Tue, Jan 8, 2013 at 4:24 AM, Kent Madin < > wrote:

Dear Tom,

In answer to your questions, I am a local resident interested in the integrity of the political process in Montana. As to being a libtard, I can't say since I'm not really familiar with what that means. I am happy to meet with you in person although it seems unnecessary since my questions are pretty straightforward.

Am I correct that when you say "My wife does her own talking, her own writing and will not be happy when I show her your email" you are saying that you had neither your wife nor yourself coordinated with WTP and Mr. LeFer?

I understand that it can be upsetting to have your actions impugned and that is exactly why I am asking the questions now, to give you and your wife a chance to respond and clear the air before I file a complaint with the Commissioner of Political Practices.

Please clarify that you are confirming that the letter you sent out was similar to the "wife letters" as a matter of complete coincidence and there was no coordination with Mr. LeFer or any other representative of Western Traditions Partnership.

I'm not sure who "you folks" is and I am sorry if your experience in the campaign was unpleasant. I'm sure the laws of the State of Montana and our justice system will do right by all of us.

Sincerely,

Kent Madin
406-595-2310

From: Tom Kitts < >

To: Kent Madin <rett139@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2013 10:27 AM
Subject: Re: Your campaign Letter from 2010

Who are you? And why would you have any interest in this matter? Another libtard looking to demean me perhaps?

Ya, I think I'd like to talk to you face to face....how about it? If you won't SHOW me who you are, then delete me from your address book immediately! My wife does her own talking, her own writing and will not be happy when I show her your email. You folks, whoever you are, need to leave people alone and keep your noses out of useless things such as this. My wife, myself and whole family were put through pure hell during the election campaign and there are a couple of civil suits that are getting ready to hit the papers. Hope these folks have deep pockets cause they will need it when this all shakes out.

Tom

On Fri, Jan 4, 2013 at 1:10 PM, Kent Madin <rett139@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kitts,

The attached letter fits the template associated with the "wife letters" featured in the Frontline documentary, "Big Sky, Big Money". <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/big-sky-big-money/>

Did you and your wife develop this letter in coordination with Christian LeFer? Did your wife fill out one of the questionnaires featured in the documentary? If not, how do you explain the coincidence of so many letters going out from candidates wives with such consistent features?

Thanks for your time, I look forward to your response.

Kent Madin
406-595-2310

Lisa Kitts

Dear friend,

Do you sometimes wonder what people running for office are really like?

With all the fancy ads and slogans, it's not always easy to tell.

That's why I'll share with you what I know about one of the candidates in our November 8th election.

I'm Lisa Kitts, and my husband Tom is running for City Commission. You may know Tom - he's been here over 50 years.

But there's things about him you probably don't know.

I met Tom Kitts in 1997 while I was working at the Livingston Rebuild Center. He'd just been hired as a cost accountant.

Tom shook my hand and remembered my name from a brief hello 15 years earlier.

You see, he knew everyone at LRC. Whatever your status, he was glad to see you. And even with stress between management and labor, Tom sincerely got along with both sides.

People enjoyed Tom's straight talk and listening quality. They told him their problems. He was an

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intelligent person you could trust.

I guess that's why I fell in love with him.

It wasn't love at first sight. We became friends. Simply, one day, he approached me with a gentle hello.

Tom seemed very caring. After a year of conversations, we started sharing activities together - pool, golf and dancing. We never wanted to be apart again.

As I learned more about Tom, I realized that he always sees things through to the end. No matter what, he takes responsibility and gets it done.

But I still didn't know how much that would mean to me in the future.

The fact is, I got really sick in 1999.

Tom was amazing. Just like that, he dropped everything and put all his attention on me.

Tom worked two jobs to see me through ten surgeries and keep a roof over our heads. He took care of everything and really stood by me. I could not have asked for a more caring husband.

That's why the recent attack on Tom by his political opponents is so hurtful.

Normally I would just ignore such a malicious attempt. Politicians always do those things when they're desperate. And I guess they can't stand it that most folks agree with Tom that the city has got to stop spending so much and raising taxes

and has to pay for it.

But for the sake of the man I love and the good people of Livingston, I have to speak up.

Of course, the lies and deceptions hurt and bother me a lot more than they do Tom.

He's a strong person - literally. He was National Collegiate Olympic Weightlifting Champion.

So he just brushes it off and keeps on going. But let me tell you, underneath his manly appearance, he has a sensitive heart. He cares about other people, and truly wants to make things better for them, just like he did for me during my long illness.

In fact Tom has always been a volunteer. Whether it's Search and Rescue, delivering holiday baskets, or youth activities like Big Brother, Little League, Ball and wrestling, he just wants to help. He actually saved a man's life once with CPR.

I know it hurts Tom to be so unfairly attacked by his opponents. As a small town boy, it's a new experience for him, and it hurts me to see it happening. But he's guided by his principles, not what people think of him. He's plain and straightforward, and to him, it's simple: do the right thing no matter what.

But Tom has more than principles - he has a good heart. He's a "people person." That's what made him such

a good mediator at the Stillwater Mine. His willingness to truly listen to everyone - laborers, supervisors and top management - enabled him to find solutions that were acceptable to all.

Tom is not only concerned about the increasing burdens on Livingston taxpayers, he knows what to do about it.

You see, he's done post-grad studies in economics. But he also knows the local economy. He's done everything from hard manual labor to formulating and implementing \$84 million budgets.

And he knows that leaving more money in the hands of taxpayers is the key to economic recovery.

So please join me in voting for my husband, Tom Kitts.

He's a good, good man who'll work hard and do a wonderful job getting our town through these hard times - just like he did for me.

Sincerely, Lisa Kitts

PS: My husband Tom Kitts worked two jobs and stood by me through my long, serious health crisis.

Now, political opponents are unfairly attacking him.

Please vote for a good, caring man who works hard helping others and really knows Livingston and the local economy.

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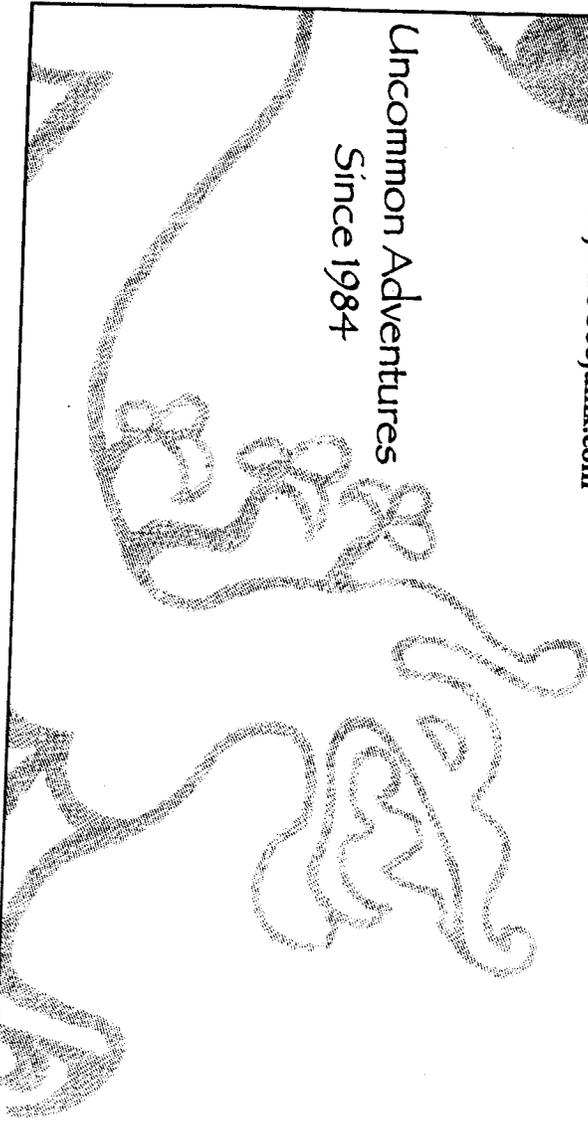
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