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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 Sheila Royston, in her capacity as Treasurer for Brad Wilson
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 77
Wilsall, MT 59086-0077
Phone Numbers: Work Not applicable Home (406) 578-2295

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

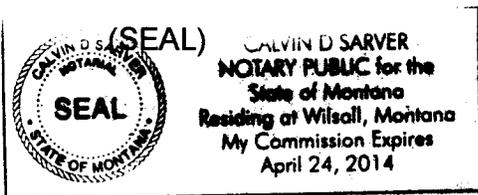
Complete Name Becki Crosby
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 381
Livingston, MT 59047-0381
Phone Numbers: Work (406) 222-1142 Home (406) 222-6008

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

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Park

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



Sheila Royston
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of Nov, 2012.

Calvin D Sarver
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4-24-2014

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attached 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.

This is a complaint concerning a violation of Montana's Election Laws as set forth in Title 13 of the Montana Code Annotated. My complaint is supported by the following facts and authority.

1. Complainant Sheila Royston is the duly appointed and certified Treasurer for Brad Wilson, one of three unsuccessful nonpartisan candidates in the 2012 general election for Park County Commissioner, District 3.
2. Respondent Becki Crosby is an independent supporter of Clint Tinsley, the successful nonpartisan candidate in the 2012 general election for Park County Commissioner, District 3. *Exhibit 1.*
3. As more specifically alleged below, Respondent violated the campaign contribution limits set forth in § 13-37-216(1)(a)(iii), MCA.
4. Montana's Control of Campaign Practices Act regulates the amount that individuals, political committees, and political parties can contribute to candidates for other public office. § 13-37-216, MCA, as adjusted by ARM § 44.10.338. The current limit on aggregate contributions from individuals to candidates for all County elected officials is \$160 per contested election.
5. A Montana political campaign contribution limits summary is available online to the general public.
6. Complainant has at all times abided by the campaign contribution limitations under Montana law.
7. Four days before the general election on November 2, 2012, a 3 x 7 column inch black and white political advertisement to "VOTE CLINT TINSLEY" was published in *The Livingston Enterprise*. The attribution statements reads: **Paid for by Becki Crosby, P.O. Box 381, Livingston, MT 59047.** *Exhibit 2.*
8. One day before the general election on November 5, 2012, a 3 x 7 column inch black and white political advertisement to "VOTE CLINT TINSLEY" was published in *The Livingston Enterprise*. The attribution statements reads: **Paid for by Becki Crosby, P.O. Box 381, Livingston, MT 59047.** *Exhibit 3.*

Statement of facts (concluded):

9. The current open rate to advertise in *The Livingston Enterprise* is \$6.50 per column inch.

10. Complainant paid for political advertising in *The Livingston Enterprise* at the same open rate.

11. The cost to Respondent to publish each political advertisement is calculated as follows:

$$3 \times 7 = 21 \times 6.50 = \$136.50. \text{ Exhibit 4.}$$

12. Respondent expended \$273 ($\136.50×2) to support Mr. Tinsley, which is an amount that is \$113 in excess of that allowed by law for individuals.

13. Whether Respondent has made other independent monetary or in-kind expenditures is unknown.

14. The Commissioner of Political Practices has the authority and jurisdiction to investigate legitimate complaints and to enforce Montana's Election Laws.

Complaints must be:

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

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Election 2012

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Clint Tinsley knows how to set goals and work with everyone

Published: Thu, 10/11/2012 - 3:00pm | Section: Letters

Editor:

I have worked with Clint Tinsley for 27 years; 16 of those he has been my boss. Throughout the years, I have learned all that Clint is talented at. Clint is a high-quality leader and he encourages you to ask questions and talk openly about what direction we need to go to make the best decision. He makes sure everyone understands why we should head in that direction.

I have never had a situation that I could not rely on Clint to help. It doesn't make any difference what time I call him or how unimportant the issue might seem, he takes the time to listen and is never judgmental. He is good at public relations, and I know he will do all he can to try to figure out the best solution for everyone involved.

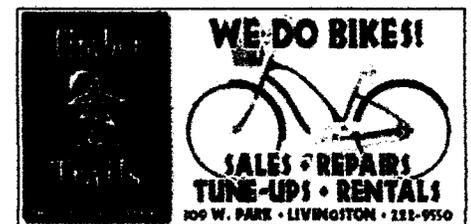
In meetings, Clint sets goals and then discusses with his employees why it is so important to have these goals. He prides himself with goal-setting and has always said, "without goals, you go nowhere."

Clint is very knowledgeable when it comes to grant-funded projects. He attends all city grant project meetings in order to ensure that the City complies with all of the grant guidelines and knows what is expected from the city before proceeding. It would be very helpful to have someone with his grant experience as a County Commissioner.

Furthermore, the County will gain a huge asset with Clint's knowledge of implementing infrastructure projects. He has a great sense for planning and seeing what is ahead, so projects and budgeting go as planned. Clint is very dedicated, honest and willing to listen and work with everyone, and that is why I am voting for Clint Tinsley as Park County Commissioner.

*Becki Crosby
Livingston*

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at helicopter crash site

Officer John "My child can come home," she heard the aircraft, and then they
 ay. He ran away added. "They can't go home and saw a flash of light when it hit the
 d by his mother. hug their children, their wives, pole and then it crashed into the
 ban was filed by supporters "age of abortion legislation" roadway," investigator Ralph



**"WE KNOW" "HE KNOWS"
 "HOW TO GET
 THE WORK DONE"**

Hal Haefs
 Tom Schweigert
 Denny Fisher
 Cody Harper
 Becki Crosby
 Cyndi Alverson
 Diane Powers
 Lee & David Frederick
 Rich Stordalen
 Eddie Miller
 Tom Bergsing
 Dwight Haines
 Mike Stordalen

Sandy & Mark Wulf
 Craig Hahn
 Judy Roy
 Brad Haefs
 Eileen Malcott
 Al Fuhs
 Mark Egeland
 Steve Brewer
 Mike Frederick
 Eric Schneider
 Jessie Hogg
 Dusty Maher
 Pam Payovich

Brad Wilson

From: "Cassie Pace" <cpace@livent.net>
To: "Brad Wilson" <olecurs@wispwest.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2012 4:47 PM
Subject: Re: Display Advertisement Rate
Correct.

Cassie

Advertising Sales
Livingston Enterprise
406-222-2000
406-222-8580 fax

On 11/7/12 4:44 PM, Brad Wilson wrote:

Cassie,

If I want to publish a 3"x7" black and white display advertisement at the *Enterprises's* current open rate of \$6.50 by the column inch, would the cost be **\$136.50** per run?

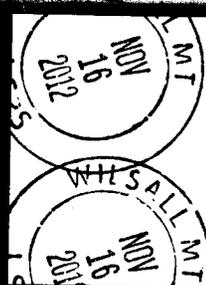
Thank you,
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