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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

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

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name: Anthony Rosales
Complete Mailing Address: 131 34th ST NW, Great Falls, MT 59404
Phone Numbers: Work 406 217 1905, Home

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

Complete Name: Melissa Smith
Complete Mailing Address: 2736 Clover Drive, Great Falls, MT 59404
Phone Numbers: Work, Home 406 315 3733

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

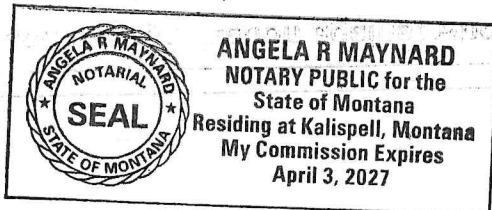
Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Cascade

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

(SEAL)

Signature of Complainant



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 2024.

Signature of 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 following page

Complaints must be:

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

The Facebook page "Melissa Smith for a Thriving Montana" has been posting content advocating for Marlee Sunchild and against the other two candidates running in the GFPS School Board election.

These posts from "Melissa Smith for a Thriving Montana" also have been advertised/"boosted" out to the community through Facebook.

Marlee Sunchild is also aware of these posts based on a comment she shared on one of the posts from "Melissa Smith for a Thriving Montana"

Some of the content is unclear who originally posted due to lacking an attribution, and has been shared on at least two Facebook accounts/pages ("Melissa Smith for a Thriving Montana" and "Jasmine Taylor for Montana"). The individuals associated with these pages have also been involved in the political process in Montana before and have familiarity with COPP rules.

Post's (original and advertisements) from "Melissa Smith for a Thriving Montana" also direct the audience to www.GFVote.com. This website based on April 21, 2024, provides a hyperlink for more information about Marlee Sunchild, but is absent any link for the other remaining candidates, suggesting a biased reporting for one specific candidate. GFVote website also lacks any attribution that may be required by COPP.

There is no record that has yet been found that would be associated with "Melissa Smith for a Thriving Montana" or GFVote. Additionally, Marlee Sunchild's CERS entries lack any financial reporting, which may be triggered if there has been >\$450 from a single source as a contribution to Sunchild's campaign.

Photo evidence can be found at: <https://shorturl.at/eknEP>