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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 Anne Brust Complete Mailing Address 1117 Carlos Drive Great Falls, MT 59404 Phone Numbers: Work 406 403 1387 Home

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

Complete Name Desarea Valentine Complete Mailing Address 1720 10th Ave S Ste 4 #111 Great Falls MT 59405 Phone Numbers: Work 406 899 3158 Home

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

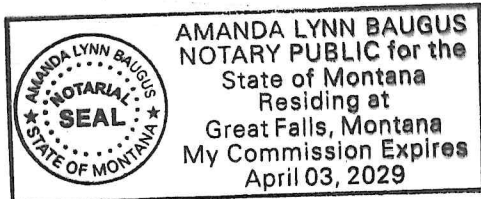
Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Cascade

I, Anne Brust, 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

(SEAL)



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, 2026.

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.

Desarea Valentine has failed to file a Campaign finance report as of the filing date of April 20, 2026. It is now April 27, 2026. Her first filing was also LATE.

Desarea Valentine has two published addresses as her campaign address, including a public office building.

Her official Facebook page lists the Cascade County Clerk and Recorders office as her Campaign address in violation of
Mont 2-2-122

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
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Desarea Valentine for Cascade County Clerk and Recorder

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Currently serving as the Chief Deputy for the Cascade County Clerk and Recorder, I am running for the seat of elected Clerk and Recorder which includes the County Auditor, Land Data, and County Assessor. Thank you and God Bless!

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Montana Code Annotated 2025

TITLE 2. GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 2. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Part 1. Code of Ethics

Use Of Public Resources For Political Purposes

2-2-122. Use of public resources for political purposes. (1) Except as provided in this section, a judicial officer, public officer, legislator, or public employee may not use or permit the use of public time, facilities, equipment, state letterhead, supplies, personnel, or funds to solicit support for or opposition to any political committee, the nomination or election of any person to public office, or the passage of a ballot issue unless the use is:

- (a) authorized by law;
- (b) properly incidental to another activity required or authorized by law, such as the function of a judicial officer, public officer, legislator, or public employee in the normal course of duties; or
- (c) reasonably considered to be also available to the public.

(2) As used in subsection (1), "properly incidental to another activity required or authorized by law" does not include any activities related to solicitation of support for or opposition to the nomination or election of a person to public office or political committees organized to support or oppose a candidate or candidates for public office. With respect to ballot issues, properly incidental activities are restricted to:

(a) the activities of a judicial officer, public officer, legislator, or public employee related to determining the impact of passage or failure of a ballot issue on state or local government operations;

(b) in the case of a school district, as defined in Title 20, chapter 6, compliance with the requirements of law governing public meetings of the local board of trustees, including the resulting dissemination of information by a board of trustees or a school superintendent or a designated employee in a district with no superintendent in support of or opposition to a bond issue or levy submitted to the electors. Public funds may not be expended for any form of commercial advertising in support of or opposition to a bond issue or levy submitted to the electors;

(c) the activities of personal staff of legislative leadership who are exempt as provided in **2-18-104**, related to assisting legislators in expressing opinions on a statewide ballot issue involving an initiative, referendum, or constitutional amendment.

(3) It is a properly incidental activity for personal staff of legislative leadership who are exempt as provided in **2-18-104** to support nonelection political caucus activity involving legislative business in the normal course of duties as directed by legislative leadership.

(4) Subsection (1) is not intended to restrict the right of a judicial officer, public officer, legislator, or public employee to express personal political views.

(5) (a) If the public officer or public employee is a Montana highway patrol chief or highway patrol officer appointed under Title 44, chapter 1, the term "equipment" as used in subsection (1) includes the chief's or officer's official highway patrol uniform.

(b) A Montana highway patrol chief's or highway patrol officer's title may not be referred to in the solicitation of support for or opposition to any political committee, the nomination or election of any person to public office, or the passage of a ballot issue.

(6) A judicial officer, public officer, legislator, or public employee that violates this section may also be prosecuted by the appropriate county attorney for official misconduct as specified in **45-7-401**.

(7) Legislators are allowed limited use of public time, facilities, equipment, state letterhead, supplies, and personnel to:

- (a) respond to inquiries or comments from the public, media, or government agencies;
- (b) express opinions in any media or platform, including online and on social media; and
- (c) publicly support or oppose statewide ballot issues or the nomination of a person to a public office.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 559, L. 2023; amd. Sec. 8, Ch. 559, L. 2023.

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Campaign Report List Finance Reports for candidate.

Candidate Information

Candidate Full Name: Valentine, Desarea R

Election Year: 2026

Mailing Address: 1720 10th Ave S Ste. 4 #111 Great Falls, MT 59405

Office Sought: County Clerk and Recorder

Campaign Report List

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