

POSTMARKED

NOV 08 2018

**Bridget A Johnson
4529 North Av W
Missoula, MT 59804
(406)370-6867
Bridget59804@gmail.com**

RECEIVED

2018 NOV 13 P 2:13

COMMISSIONER OF
POLITICAL PRACTICES

November 8, 2018

Commissioner of Political Practices
1205 Eighth Avenue
P.O. Box 202401
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Representative:

Attached, please find the paperwork establishing a complaint against Mike Hopkins, Representative for House District 92, for violating both the Clean Campaign Act and appropriate campaign finance reporting.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,



Bridget A Johnson
Campaign Manager, Lee Bridges for House District 92

Enclosures

THE STATE OF MONTANA

Commissioner of Political Practices
1205 Eighth Avenue
Post Office Box 202401
Helena, MT 59620-2401
Phone: 406-444-2942
Fax: 406-444-1643
www.politicalpractices.mt.gov

POSTMARKED
NOV 08 2018

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIVED

2018 NOV 13 P 2:13

HAND DELIVERED

SIGNED/NOTARIZED

Ethics

Complaint Form (10/17)

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

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

Complete Name Bridget A Johnson
Complete Mailing Address 4529 North Av W
Missoula, MT 59804
Phone Numbers: Work 406-370-6867 Home 406-829-6407

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

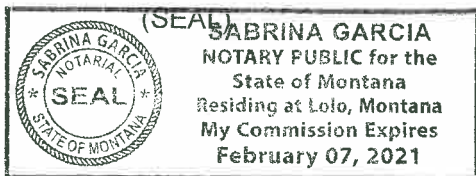
Complete Name Mike Hopkins
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 848
Missoula, MT 59806
Phone Numbers: Work 406-531-1775 Home _____

*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 Missoula

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



Bridget Johnson
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of
November, 2018

Sabrina Garcia
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 02/07/2021

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s), including pertinent dates, 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.

I am filing this document in my capacity as the 2018 Campaign Manager for Lee Bridges, Democrat for HD92.

We believe our opponent, Mike Hopkins (Republican for HD92) has violated the Clean Campaign Act (Title 13, Chapter 35 Part 4 Clean Campaign Act 13-35-401) by conspiring to have a paid, scurrilous "Opinion" advertisement published on November 1, 2018 without giving the required Notice or Warning to our Campaign. In addition, we believe that the cost of this advertisement was not reported as an in-kind donation to Mr. Hopkins' campaign.

On October 23rd, it was brought to my attention that Mr. Mike Hopkins was engaging in online chat with Mike Davis (posting under the name of Ekim Sivad, his name backwards), who claimed to have "dirt" on Ms. Bridges. Mr. Hopkins encouraged Mr. Davis to contact him personally. Subsequent Facebook by Mr. Davis (using the name Ekim Sivad) continued to attack Ms. Bridges. These attacks were/are total falsehoods. Mr. Davis is angry with Ms. Bridges over a matter settled in the courts in her favor and requiring his firm - D&G Crane Services - to reimburse Ms. Bridges for damages he caused several years ago.

Mr. Davis informed Mr. Hopkins, on Mr. Hopkins' Facebook campaign page, that he "put in a paid advertisement ... in favor of you". This advertisement ran in the weekly Seeley Lake Pathfinder in both print and online editions on November 1, 2018. This issue of the Pathfinder was the last issue before the election. This advertisement accuses my candidate, Lee Bridges, of many things, all untrue. Since the ad was published just before the election, we were unable to respond to the print version. We did supply a rebuttal in the electronic version, but feel the damage was already done.

Mr. Hopkins was fully aware this paid advertisement, supporting his campaign, was going to be published and did nothing to warn our campaign, or provide any sort of notice.

Furthermore, it does not appear that Mr. Hopkins' has reported the cost of this advertisement as an in-kind campaign contribution.


I have attached screen shots of the various Facebook chats and posts and the published, paid ad to support this complaint.

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered to the Commissioner in person or by mail.

< Chase Reynolds for Senate's Post ...

wasteland background strait out of the matrix. Keep up the good work Chase, they wouldn't be attacking you if they weren't worried about you!

1d Like Reply  3

View 5 previous replies...



Mike Hopkins
Ok that is just epic

1d Like Reply

Online chat on Chase Reynolds' Facebook page on October 22 between Mike Davis and Mike Hopkins, with reference to follow-up discussion to take place



Ekim Sivad
Mike Hopkins talk about dirt? I have lots on Lee Bridges try tax evasion! Anti hunting, fraud I've been trying to get a reply. It appears I miss the 92 boundry by a rifle shot but I still want to help

8h Like Reply



Mike Hopkins
Ekim Sivad shot you a message

7h Like Reply  1



Write a reply...



Write a comment...





239 People Reached 41 Engagements Boost Post

18 2 Comments 2 Shares

Love Comment Share

Oldest

Maria Ibarbia Fantastic!

Like Reply Message 1W

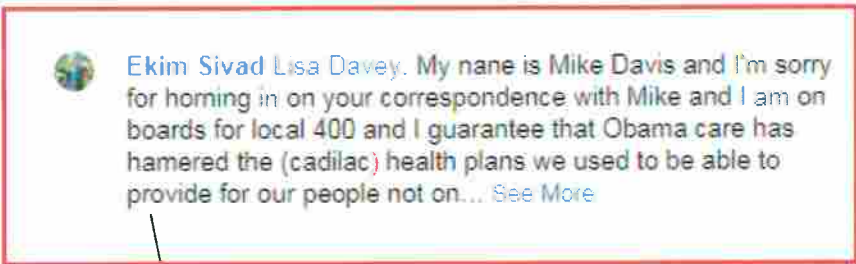
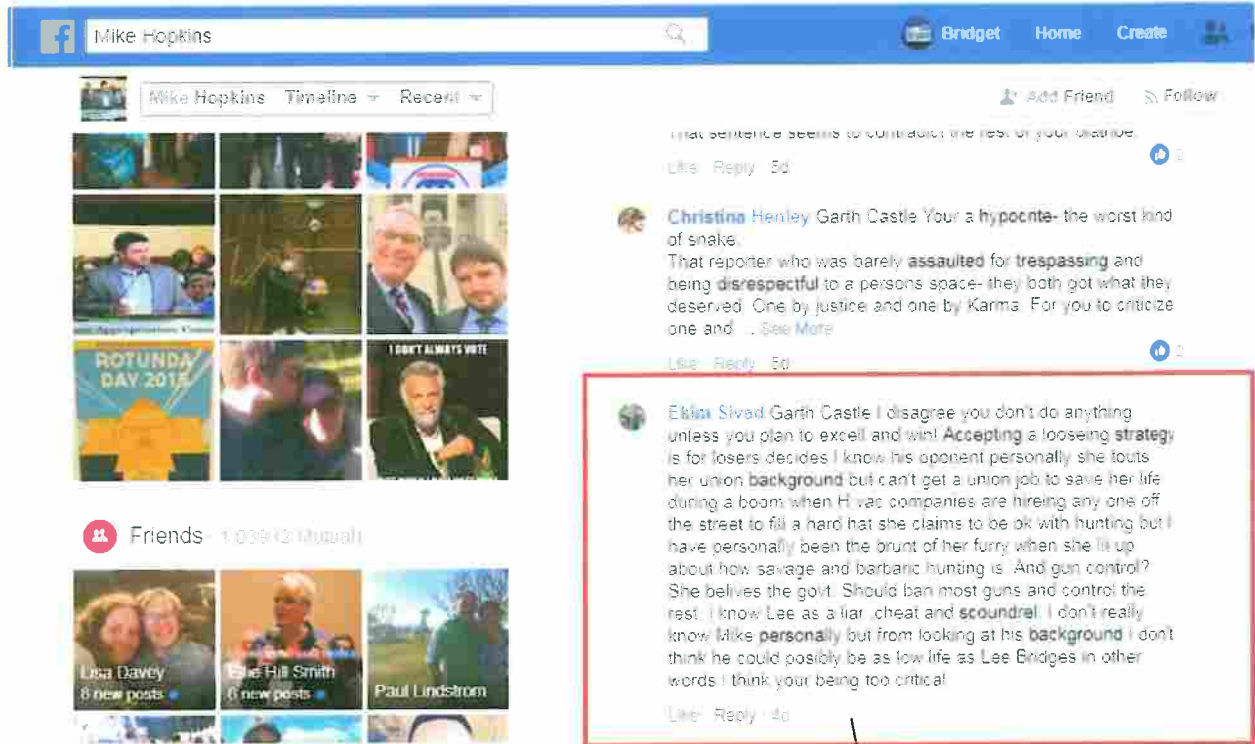
Ekim Sivad Are you talking about the same Lee Bridges I know?? I heard she took retirement because after Western Sheet Metal folded she couldn't get a job and does her Business have a Business Esc? Does she report the \$30,000 or more dollars a year she has been documented to make to the IRS?

Like Reply Message 1h

Write a reply

Post on Lee Bridges' campaign Facebook page that same week

CoPP Complaint - Mike Hopkins' Violation



Post on Mike Hopkins' personal Facebook page that same week

Ekim Savid actually admits he is Mike Davis

CoPP Complaint - Mike Hopkins' Violation



Mike Hopkins HD92

@MikeHopkinshd92

Home

About

Endorsements

Posts

Photos

Community

Donate

Info and Ads

Like Follow Share

thousands of dollars on crazy matters like this. Vote Republican on November 6th!



41

10 Comments 5 Shares

Like Comment Share

Oldest



Ekim Sivad I all ready voted but I found out I got **redistricted** into 89 Clinton. Voted for Doc. But I put a paid **advertisement** in the path finder in favor of you. You might get a kick out of it I really rallied on her **Business** and tax **disparties** I told you in my first e mail I'd go to bat for you Lee is really a low life piece of work.

Like Reply 2d



Post on Mike Hopkins' campaign Facebook page on October 29 or 30; note reference to emails exchanged

Actual ad published in the Seeley Lake Pathfinder:

Page 4 - Thursday, November 1, 2018 - Seeley Swan Pathfinder

JOIN US FOR THE GRIZ GAME!
SATURDAY, NOV. 3
DRAFT SPECIALS, FREE SNACKS AND GIVEAWAYS!
ENTER TO WIN 2 TICKETS TO THE GRIZ VS. CATS GAME!



DRAWING NOV. 10
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

CALL AHEAD FOR DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT 677-2980. LIKE US ON

Letters (continued from page 2)

40 percent of sworn deputies leaving / fixed loading to new hires with limited experience on the streets; a school resource officer leaving a gun in a bathroom; rehiring of a former deputy who is, again, the subject of an investigation; questions about appropriate use of public funds and personal time. Each of these issues is serious and cumulatively reflect a department in crisis.

Wafstet wasn't picked by a political party. He stepped up as an independent candidate because he has served the community for decades, loves the law and wants the sheriff's office to be the pride of the people it serves. Elect Wafstet! **Fredericka Thompson**
Missoula, Mont.

All politics is local

Our District is very independent and people don't like being put into a box. Let's Build Bridges to Common Ground on the issues. By listening to each other, discussing the various sides, negotiating for the common good and then compromising. In this divisive political environment, you can't please all the people all the time but you can please most of the people, most of the time. Let's try that for a change.

The best way you can help make that change is to Vote... to get out and talk to your neighbors, seek out what you have in common. Once you have established common ground on an issue, these "uncomfortable conversations" on differences are far more constructive.

We live in a democracy. Let's make it work!

As the House District 92 candidate who lives in our

OPINION

Vote for Mike Hopkins - A proven performer

I am not generally that politically active but this year I feel compelled to react to House District 92's race between Lee Bridges and Mike Hopkins.

Some political views between the two are similar. Women's rights and reproductive rights, job training and the preservation of our environment are top priorities for both candidates. But there are some huge differences like gun rights.

Hopkins is a strict believer in the Constitution; he will protect your rights, all your rights. He has an A rating with the NRA.

Bridges says she has guns and maybe if she approves of your guns you can keep them! She likes "common sense gun laws" like registration, or not being able to pass your guns down to your own children or grand children with out the expense or hassle of a FBI BACKGROUND check. Bridges is not a constitutionalist and has a F rating from the NRA.

As for hunting, fishing and trapping in Montana, Hopkins is a staunch supporter and active participant!

Bridges says she supports some hunting publically but I have had her personally light up on me for my views on hunting and I can tell you from personal experience that she will not protect the average Montanans' hunting rights!

Education-wise there is a big difference between Hopkins and Bridges.

Hopkins was educated at the

University of Montana with a degree in political science. He learned how government works and how to navigate through the legislature to get our work accomplished with procedure and compromise.

Bridges on the other hand doesn't have any experience in government. She's a good citizen for being in the volunteer fire department but leadership? No. The learning curve of knowing how to negotiate through procedure alone would really limit her effectiveness.

I have known Bridges since she was going to the Voc Tec to learn to work sheet metal. I've been in the construction trades since 1975 in the Missoula area myself and I would be very worried if she were elected to House District 92.

How would she vote on taxes? Like the liberal Missoula folks she has for friends or our tax and spend government that she displays in Facebook giving her a big hug? Or living within the fiscal responsibility of our state budget like Hopkins has proven to do!

Bridges' own taxes are in question. She runs a mostly cash-based sheet metal business out of her garage and claimed to make over \$10,000 a year. Does she have a business license and pay the taxes on her equipment like I have to? Or pay her full income tax debt? Good question that she still hasn't answered yet. Do you want someone voting on and raising your taxes that may not be paying their fair share?

The choice is important. Hopkins is an educated born and raised Montana boy with a stellar track record. A real proven performer! Or an out-of-state old hippie with other than Montana values!

I have known Lee Bridges from the beginning of her sheet metal career and the people that employed her and I do not believe she is even remotely qualified to be a legislator for Montana.

If you need to see an example, just drive by her house. Lee has her billboard in her yard that can be seen from I-90 in East Missoula. Lots of ideas not much completed. The incomplete mini barn was started over a year ago and is still not completed. If she can't finish something by herself how can she complete legislation for you?

This has been another side of Bridges that you won't see in the Missoulian. They have been printing endorsements for her in the editorials by her lady friends at least once a week for the past month. But have you seen one for Hopkins? Do you think the Missoulian is fair and unbiased?

Please vote for whomever you want. But remember in House District 92 it's either a proven performer with a documented track record or an unproven dreamer that's never built a bridge!

This endorsement for Mike Hopkins comes from a life long union member in good standing.

Mike Davis - Tooth, Mont.

Filed by Mike Davis, 11455 Crystal Creek Road, Toole, MT 59625