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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: Robert J. Woelich
Complete Mailing Address: 3005 Tina Ave Apt F1
Missoula, MT 59808
Phone Numbers: Work 406-578-3125 Home 605-728-2226

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

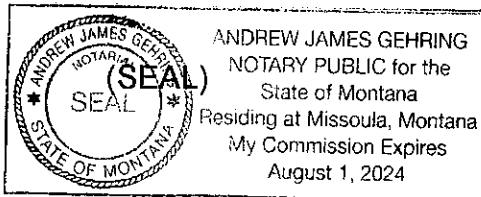
Complete Name: Michael W. Gehl
Complete Mailing Address: 1555 Cresthave Drive
Missoula, MT 59808
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home 406-274-8519

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 Missoula

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



[Signature]
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of April, 2022.

[Signature]
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.

I received a campaign material in the form of a door hanger for Mr. Michael Gehl, a Missoula County school trustee candidate. The material had improper attribution, and partisan symbology when the election is non-partisan and Mr. Gehl is registered as such.

MCA 13-35-225(1)(a) requires election communications to include a "paid for by" attribution which includes the address of the candidate or the candidate's campaign. This was violated by not including Mr. Gehl's address or campaign address on the campaign materials.

MCA 13-35-207 describes deceptive election practices:

- (3) **knowingly** causes a false statement, certificate, or return of any kind to be signed;
- (5) **files** or receives for filing a declaration or certificate of nomination knowing that all or part of the declaration or certificate is false;
- (10) **makes** a false oath or affidavit where an oath or affidavit is required by law.

These were violated when Mr. Gehl filed his C1 or C1-A form and indicated that he is a non-partisan candidate, and later included partisan imagery in the form of the Republican elephant symbol on his campaign materials.

Complaints must be:

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



Michael GEHL

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