

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF
POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

<p>Braden v. Building Our Children's Future</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No. COPP 2016-CFP-003</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RECUSAL OF JONATHAN MOTL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPOINTMENT OF KIRSTEN MADSEN AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER</p>
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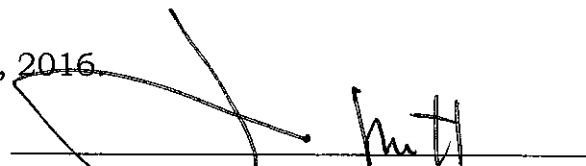
The Commissioner of Political Practices, Jonathan Motl, hereby recuses himself from involvement in the above listed complaint. The recusal is made for the reason that a member of Mr. Motl's family is a teacher in the Glendive, Montana school system. The Complaint challenges activity concerning the 2016 Glendive school bond and therefore directly affects that family member.

In past Decisions this Commissioner has routinely refused to recuse from making decisions on complaints filed before this Office, citing the time and money it costs the people of Montana were he to do so. In this Matter, however, family is involved and accordingly the Commissioner recuses under §13-37-108(6)(b) MCA.

Under the authority of §13-37-111(6) MCA this Commissioner appoints as Deputy Commissioner Kirsten Madsen, an assistant Attorney General of the State of Montana. Ms. Madsen works in the agency legal services Bureau of

the Attorney General's office. Ms. Madsen's time is billed to the COPP at \$106 per hour, with the amount charged for her work as Deputy Commissioner paid by the COPP from its legal services budget.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan R. Motl', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Jonathan R. Motl
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