

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF
POLITICAL PRACTICES

In the Matter of the Complaints)
Against Donna Zook)

**SUMMARY OF FACTS
AND
STATEMENT OF FINDINGS**

Steve Fitzpatrick filed a complaint with the Commissioner of Political Practices (CPP) alleging Donna Zook violated Montana Campaign Practices law. The complaint refers to Ms. Zook's website.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

1. Donna Zook was the Democratic nominee for House District 20 from Great Falls in the 2010 election cycle. Her Republican opponent was Steve Fitzpatrick, the complainant herein. Steve Fitzpatrick prevailed in the election in November, 2010.
2. On October 8, 2010, Steve Fitzpatrick filed a complaint with this office alleging Donna Zook violated Montana campaign law by not including language identifying who paid for Zook's website, as required by §13-35-225(1), MCA.
3. Steve Fitzpatrick's complaint with this office also alleged Donna Zook violated Montana campaign law by not including language identifying Zook's political party affiliation on her website, as required by §13-35-225(2), MCA.
4. A copy of the images from Zook's website, as provided by Mr. Fitzpatrick with his complaint, is attached as **Exhibit A**.
5. Donna Zook responded to the complaint on November 5, 2010, admitting to an oversight in omitting the requisite "paid for disclaimer" and "party affiliation language", on her website. Ms. Zook further indicated that "The complaints brought forward by Mr. Steve Fitzpatrick were acted on the same day (Oct/13/2010) I was made aware of them."

6. A copy of the images from Zook's website, as provided by Ms. Zook with her response, after adding the "paid for" disclaimer and "party affiliation" language, is attached as **Exhibit B**.

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

The complaint alleges that Zook's campaign website referred to in Fact 2 & 3 violates §13-35-225(1)&(2). The section states, in pertinent part:

Election materials not to be anonymous -- statement of accuracy. (1) All communications advocating the success or defeat of a candidate, political party, or ballot issue through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, direct mailing, poster, handbill, bumper sticker, internet website, or other form of general political advertising must clearly and conspicuously include the attribution "paid for by" followed by the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication. When a candidate or a candidate's campaign finances the expenditure, the attribution must be the name and the address of the candidate or the candidate's campaign. In the case of a political committee, the attribution must be the name of the committee, the name of the committee treasurer, and the address of the committee or the committee treasurer.

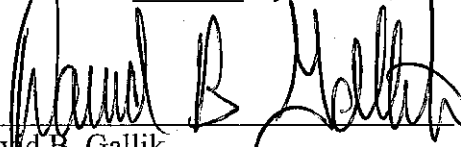
(2) Communications in a partisan election financed by a candidate or political committee organized on the candidate's behalf must state the candidate's party affiliation or include the party symbol.

The website qualifies as a communication advocating the success of a candidate, and therefore is subject to the statute. Ms. Zook's website did not have language identifying the funding source, and therefore violates §13-35-225(1). Additionally, Ms. Zook's website did not include her party affiliation nor did it include the party symbol, and therefore violates §13-35-225(2).

CONCLUSION

Although the website did not comply with the cited provisions of § 13-35-225, MCA, I have determined that it is not in the best interest of the state to pursue a civil penalty action.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2011.


David B. Gallik
Commissioner of Political Practices

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My Campaign Fundraisers

To be announced.....

I truly would appreciate your support in this important campaign. If you can help in any way, please contact me.

Thank you,
Donna Zook

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PLEASE DONATE



To help Donna GET ELECTED for this legislative office we need your help. You can help with your kind donation of time and/or funds. We need both to win this election.....

Please click this [link](#) to tell Donna how you can help. She will get back to you ASAP. Thanks!

Alternatively, just give Donna a call at: (406) 453-6393

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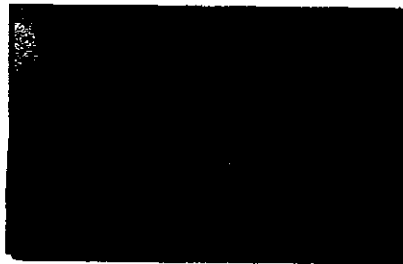
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<http://www.dzook.org/biography/biography.html>

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