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Complaint Form (10/09)

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

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Richard Lee LaBreche

Complete Mailing Address 233 Mammoth Drive
Butte, Montana 59701

Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home 406-490-7542

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

Complete Name Greg Gianforte

Complete Mailing Address 1320 Manley Road
Bozeman, Montana 59715

Phone Numbers: Work _____ 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 Silver Bow

I, Richard Lee LaBreche, 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 25th day of August, 2015.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4-1-2016

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.

Greg Gianforte is misleading the people of the state of Montana by not following campaign finance laws. Mr. Gianforte filed as a candidate for Governor in August, but had really started campaigning way back in March. The Bozeman Chronicle articles show that Greg Gianforte actually started his campaign when he registered his website (GregGianforteforMontana), hired campaign staff (Ms. Lunde set up meetings and provided statements to the press), and toured the state (sounds like campaigning to me).

In addition, Greg Gianforte has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Montana Family Foundation, who I feel is coordinating with his campaign for Governor.

Complaints must be:

- signed
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FORM C-1 (Revised 11/11)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

TO BE FILED BY CANDIDATE FOR STATEWIDE OR STATE DISTRICT OFFICE
ORIGINAL FILING AMENDED FILING

TYPE OR PRINT IN INK ALL INFORMATION WITH EXCEPTION OF SIGNATURE

CANDIDATE
FULL NAME Greg Gianforte

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print) greg.gianforte@gmail.com

COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF OFFICE SOUGHT Governor (exploratory)
(Including exploratory)

PARTY AFFILIATION, if any Republican COUNTY OF RESIDENCE Gallatin

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS 1320 Manley Rd, Bozeman, MT 59715
(Including City, State, Zip Code)

COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS same
(Including City, State, Zip Code)

CONTACT NUMBERS:
Home Telephone Number _____ Work Telephone Number _____ Facsimile Number _____

CAMPAIGN TREASURER (Must be registered to vote in Montana)

FULL NAME Lorna Kurey

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print) lorna@mt.net

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS 400 N California, Helena, MT 59601
(Including City, State, Zip Code)

COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS same
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CONTACT NUMBERS:
Home Telephone Number 406-442-6633 Work Telephone Number 406-442-6633 Facsimile Number 406-442-6612

DEPUTY TREASURER, if any (Must be registered to vote in Montana)

FULL NAME Phoebe Williams

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print) phoebe@mtsp.biz

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS 2205 8th Ave, Helena, MT 59601
(Including City, State, Zip Code)

COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS same
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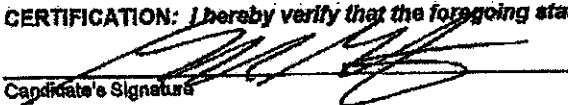
CONTACT NUMBERS:
Home Telephone Number 406-422-0203 Work Telephone Number 406-442-6633 Facsimile Number 406-442-6612

CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT INFORMATION

FULL NAME OF BANK Valley Bank

COMPLETE ADDRESS 3030 N Montana Ave, Helena, MT 59601
(Including City, State, Zip Code)

CERTIFICATION: *I hereby verify that the foregoing statements are true and correct.*

Candidate's Signature  Date 8/14/15

Notice: You must follow up with a signed hard copy to CPP.

Gianforte announces exploratory look at governor

- [By Troy Carter Chronicle Staff Writer](#)
- [Aug 17, 2015](#)
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A wealthy Bozeman conservative long rumored to have political aspirations has made official an exploratory committee for the governor's office in 2016.

The statement of candidacy form for Greg Gianforte, 54, was received by the commissioner of political practices office and posted online Monday afternoon. The filing allows him to legally make expenditures and receive campaign contributions from himself and his supporters.

Gianforte is best known as the founder of RightNow Technologies, a Bozeman-based technology company he started in 1997. He sold the company to Oracle for \$1.5 billion in 2012.

An email from the Chronicle to Gianforte Monday evening was responded to by Amy Lunde, former deputy political director at the Republican Governors Association during the 2014 campaign cycle and 2012 campaign manager for North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple.

Lunde, who has been working for [Gianforte for several months](#), provided a prepared statement from Gianforte:

"Twenty years ago Susan and I started a business in the extra bedroom of our Bozeman home. We worked hard. We created good paying Montana jobs. And over time we built a successful business that helped Gallatin County produce nearly 40 percent of Montana's total wage growth last year," Gianforte said. "That kind of wage growth, the kind that puts more money in the pockets of Montanans, can happen all over our state. We can do better. That's why I have filed paperwork to explore a potential run for governor. I look forward to traveling our state and getting good ideas from hardworking Montanans about what can be done to make our home state even better."

Lunde's email address suggests that Gianforte began "exploring" a gubernatorial race this spring. A search showed that [gregformontana.com](#), the domain from which the statement came, was registered on March 17. No content has been posted to the website itself.

Aside from Lunde's work, Montana [Democrats](#) and the [press](#) have long suspected that Gianforte was building his public profile for this race by making campaign contributions to Republican candidates and a statewide tour expounding the potential of economic development fueled by telecommuting to technology-based jobs from Montana.