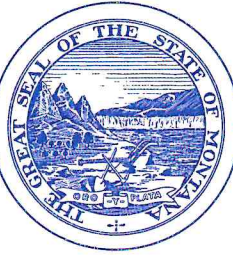


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Subject: Complaints received October 23 and 24, 2023;
McCulloch v. Dudley, COPP-2023-CFP-022 and
McCulloch v. Rosander, COPP-2023-CFP-023

Richard,

I hope you are well. I am sending this letter regarding the above-named complaints.

Each complaint alleges specific violations of Montana election law under Title 13, Chapters 35 and 37 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and associated Administrative Rules (ARMs), enforcement of which fall under my jurisdiction as Commissioner of Political Practices. On October 27, I wrote to you requesting you provide additional information pertaining to each alleged violation. In response, on October 28 you sent email correspondence to this Office providing me with the requested information. In reviewing the original complaints combined with this additional information, I have determined that each conforms to the basic requirements of 44.11.106 ARM. Basically, you have met the requirement that a written notarized complaint within the jurisdiction of COPP was delivered to the agency. For those reasons, I have accepted each for further consideration.

Pursuant to the established process, a letter and copy of the proper complaint is being sent to the named respondent, requesting that they provide a written response to this office and retain pertinent records pending further investigation of this matter.

I will review any additional materials relevant to this complaint for any deficiencies pursuant to 44.11.106 ARM, law, and prior relevant COPP rulings, and reserve the right to dismiss the complaint upon this initial inquiry. If this occurs, I will notify you and provide a basis for the dismissal. Alternatively, upon this further review, I may determine that a formal investigation is warranted. If an investigation is conducted, a summary of facts and statement of findings will be prepared, and a copy will be sent to you. This generally involves a more extensive and time-consuming process, during which you may contact us for a status update. If violations are determined during this process, they are typically referred to the local county attorney. The local county attorney then determines whether they will prosecute the matter or refer it

back to me. If returned to me, I will either work with the responding party to settle the matter or prosecute it within their local jurisdiction in district court.

Regards,

/s/ Chris J. Gallus

Chris J. Gallus
Commissioner of Political Practices