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Complaint

OF THE CITY CLERK ON 4-8-13

To: Norman Election Commission Chair Ty Hardiman and members,

Cc: Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Attached and copied below is the OK Statute which addresses the unattributed political mail as discussed at the Norman Election Commission (NEC) meeting April 1, 2013. This is a formal request and follow-up to my oral request of April 1, 2013, that the source of the unattributed mailer be investigated and records requested from the responsible committee.

It is clear in the Norman Ordinance Sec. 7.5-27,(c), that the Norman Election Commission is required to determine if said committee's political mail violates the state statute. and also if there is "reason to believe" (not 'proof' mind you) that a willful violation has occurred. See Sec. 7.5-27,(c):

Whenever the Norman Election Commission has reason to believe a willful violation of the State Election Laws has occurred, it shall send its documentation to the District Attorney of Cleveland County with a recommendation for appropriate legal action.

The most efficient and reasonable way to make that determination is to ask for records, of course. That authority is clearly provided by Sec. 7.5-27,(e):

The Norman Election Commission may at any time demand and shall be furnished records of campaign contributions and expenses of a candidate or committee. The Norman Election Commission shall also call a candidate or candidates before the Commission for the purpose of discussing any irregularities or inconsistencies in the candidate's filings.

and

Candidates shall be required to preserve all records, accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and other documents necessary regardless of physical form or characteristic, to substantiate the reports required to be filed by a candidate or committee as set forth herein related to campaign contributions and expenditures for a period of one (1) year from the date of election in which they are a candidate.

No relevant committee was registered with the City nor was a Contribution and Expenditure Report filed by the March 22, 2013 deadline. Therefore, I also request that the NEC determine when said committee began operation, when and where the unattributed mail was encumbered and what times any other political activity was initiated, so that any penalties or fines due may be determined.

I also request that contact information for the NEC be provided for citizen's convenience on the City website.

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Title 21, Section 1840

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, organization, or association to cause to be broadcast, written, printed, posted, or distributed a statement, circular, poster, or advertisement which is designed to influence the voters on the nomination or election of a candidate or to influence the voters on any constitutional or statutory amendment or on any other issue in a state, county, city, or school district election, or to influence the vote of any member of the Legislature, unless there appears in a conspicuous place upon such circular, poster, or advertisement, or within a broadcast statement, either the name and address of the person who paid for the communication if an individual, or the name and address of the president, chairman, or secretary, or of two officers of the organization, if an organization which paid for the communication. Persons violating this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to material purchased before the effective date of this act, provided that proof of purchase can be properly documented. The provisions of this section shall not apply to bumper stickers, pins, buttons, and other small items upon which the required information cannot be conveniently printed. The provisions of this section shall not apply to skywriting, water towers, or other means of displaying of such a nature that the inclusion of the required information would be impractical. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any matter broadcast by the electronic media or thing published in any newspaper, magazine, or journal recognized and circulating as such, which matter is broadcast by the electronic media or published by such newspaper, magazine, or journal on its own behalf and upon its own responsibility and for which it shall not charge or receive any compensation whatsoever, nor shall the provisions of this section apply to any publication issued by any legally constituted election officials in the performance of their duties.

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