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**BEFORE THE
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION,)
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 Petitioner,)
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v.)
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KENNETH HORTON,) Case No. 12E160
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and)
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JEFFERSON COUNTY TEA PARTY,)
a non-profit Missouri corporation,)
)
 Respondents.)

**JOINT STIPULATION OF FACTS, WAIVER OF HEARING
BEFORE THE MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION, AND
CONSENT ORDER WITH JOINT PROPOSED
FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The undersigned parties jointly stipulate to the facts and consent to the action set forth below.

The undersigned Respondents, Kenneth Horton and Jefferson County Tea Party, acknowledge that they have received and reviewed a copy of the Complaint filed by the Petitioner in this case, and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Ethics Commission.

The undersigned Respondents further acknowledge that they are aware of the various rights and privileges afforded by law, including but not limited to: the right appear and be represented by counsel; the right to have all charges against Respondents be proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing at the hearing against Respondents; the right to present evidence on Respondents' behalf at the hearing; and the right to a decision upon the record of the hearing. Being aware of

these rights provided to Respondents by operation of law, the undersigned Respondents knowingly and voluntarily waive each and every one of these rights and freely enter into this Joint Stipulation of Facts, Waiver of Hearing before the Missouri Ethics Commission, and Consent Order with Joint Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and agree to abide by the terms of this document.

The parties agree that the joint stipulation may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed original, with the same effect as if all the parties had signed the same document. All such counterparts shall constitute a single agreement.

I.

Based upon the foregoing, the Petitioner and the undersigned Respondents jointly stipulate to the following and request that the Missouri Ethics Commission adopt as its own the Joint Proposed Findings of Fact and the Joint Proposed Conclusions of Law, as follows:

JOINT PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Missouri Ethics Commission (“the Commission”) is an agency of the State of Missouri established pursuant to Section 105.955, RSMo, in part for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of Chapter 130, RSMo.

2. From January 29, 2010, through at least January 31, 2011, Respondent Horton did business as the Jefferson County Tea Party, a fictitious name registered with the Missouri Secretary of State on January 29, 2010.

3. Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party is a non-profit corporation registered with the Missouri Secretary of State since January 31, 2011. Respondent Horton is the incorporator and registered agent for Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party.

4. Pursuant to Section 105.961, RSMo, the Commission's staff has investigated a complaint filed with the Commission and reported the investigation's findings to the Commission.

Count I

Failure to file non-committee expenditure report

5. On or about October 28, 2010, Respondent Horton, doing business as the Jefferson County Tea Party, made an expenditure of \$1,906 for an advertisement, a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit 1. The advertisement was titled "Jefferson County Tea Party Voter Guide," and provided a "Tea Party Grade" for candidates for County Executive, County Council, U.S. Congress, State Representative, and Recorder of Deeds. It also stated "Vote YES on Missouri Proposition A," "Vote NO on Proposition B," "Vote YES on Constitutional Amendment No. 1 & 3," and "Vote YES on Constitutional Amendment No. 2." The election for these candidates and ballot measures issues was in November 2010.

6. Respondent Horton did not file a non-committee expenditure report for the advertisement attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

7. On or about March 31, 2011, Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party made an expenditure of \$1,122 for an advertisement, a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit 2. The advertisement was titled "Jefferson County Tea Party Voter Guide," and provided a "Tea Party Grade" for candidates for city council positions. The election for these candidates was in April 2011.

8. Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party did not file a non-committee expenditure report for the advertisement attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

9. On or about July 19, 2012, Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party made an expenditure of \$617 for an advertisement, a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit 3.

10. The advertisement was titled "County Council vote on term limits and non-partisan elections are a slap in the face to many Jefferson County Voters." The advertisement criticized county council members for not supporting the qualification of two proposed ballot measures: 1.) a measure establishing the non-partisan election of County Council members, and 2.) a measure limiting the terms County Council members could serve.

11. Four of the criticized Jefferson County Council members were on the ballot for the August 2012 primary election, less than one month after the advertisement was published.

12. Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party did not file a non-committee expenditure report for the advertisement attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

Count II

Improper "paid for by" disclaimer

13. For the advertisement attached hereto as Exhibit 1, Respondent Horton used a disclaimer stating, "Paid for by the Jefferson County Tea Party, Dennis Bryant, Treasurer," but the Jefferson County Tea Party was not registered with the Missouri Ethics Commission or a local election authority as a committee, nor was it a corporation at the time.

14. For the advertisement attached hereto as Exhibit 2, Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party used a disclaimer stating, "Paid for by Jefferson County Tea Party, Dennis Bryant, Treasurer." The disclaimer should have stated, "Paid for by Jefferson County Tea Party, Frank Lefler, President, 7590 Old Lemay Ferry Road, Barnhart, MO 63012."

15. For the advertisement attached hereto as Exhibit 3, Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party used a disclaimer stating, "Paid for Jefferson County Tea Party." The disclaimer should have stated, "Paid for by Jefferson County Tea Party, Frank Lefler, President, 7590 Old Lemay Ferry Road, Barnhart, MO 63012."

JOINT PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Count I

Failure to file non-committee expenditure report

16. "Any person who is not a defined committee who makes an expenditure or expenditures aggregating five hundred dollars or more in support of, or opposition to, one or more candidates or in support of, or in opposition to, the qualification or passage of one or more ballot measures, other than a contribution made directly to a candidate or committee, shall file a report signed by the person making the expenditures, or that person's authorized agent." § 130.047, RSMo.

17. "The report shall include the name and address of the person making the expenditure, the date and amount of the expenditure or expenditures, the name and address of the payee, and a description of the nature and purpose of each expenditure." § 130.047, RSMo

18. "Such report shall be filed with the appropriate officer having jurisdiction over the election of the candidate or ballot measure in question as set forth in section 130.026 no later than fourteen days after the date of making an expenditure which by itself or when added to all other such expenditures during the same campaign equals five hundred dollars or more." § 130.047, RSMo.

19. The appropriate officer for candidates for state senator, state representative, and for statewide ballot measures is the Missouri Ethics Commission. § 130.026.2, RSMo.

20. The appropriate officer for candidates for county council is the local election authority. § 130.026.2, RSMo.

21. There is probable cause to believe that Respondent Horton, doing business as the Jefferson County Tea Party, violated Section 130.047, RSMo, by making an expenditure of \$1,906 in support of and/or opposition to multiple candidates and ballot measures, and by not filing a non-committee expenditure report disclosing that expenditure.

22. There is probable cause to believe that Respondent Jefferson County Tea Party violated Section 130.047, RSMo, by making two expenditures, one for \$1,122, and another for \$617, in support of and/or opposition to multiple candidates and/or ballot measures, and by not filing a non-committee expenditure report disclosing that expenditure.

Count II

Improper "paid for by" disclaimer

23. Pursuant to Section 130.031.8, RSMo:

“Any person publishing, circulating, or distributing any printed matter relative to any candidate for public office or any ballot measure shall on the face of the printed matter identify in a clear and conspicuous manner the person who paid for the printed matter with the words "Paid for by" followed by the proper identification of the sponsor pursuant to this section. For the purposes of this section, "printed matter" shall be defined to include any pamphlet,

circular, handbill, sample ballot, advertisement, including advertisements in any newspaper or other periodical, sign, including signs for display on motor vehicles, or other imprinted or lettered material....

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(3) In regard to any printed matter paid for by a corporation or other business entity, labor organization, or any other organization not defined to be a committee by subdivision (7) of section 130.011 and not organized especially for influencing one or more elections, it shall be sufficient identification to print the name of the entity, the name of the principal officer of the entity, by whatever title known, and the mailing address of the entity, or if the entity has no mailing address, the mailing address of the principal officer.

(4) In regard to any printed matter paid for by an individual or individuals, it shall be sufficient identification to print the name of the individual or individuals and the respective mailing address or addresses, except that if more than five individuals join in paying for printed matter it shall be sufficient identification to print the words "For a list of other sponsors contact:" followed by the name and address of one such individual responsible for causing the matter to be printed, and the individual identified shall maintain a record of the names and amounts paid by other individuals and

shall make such record available for review upon the request of any person..

24. There is probable cause to believe that Respondents Horton and Jefferson County Tea Party published, circulated, and/or distributed printed material in support of and/or opposition to multiple candidates and/or ballot measures, that the material lacked a full and proper "paid for by" disclosure, and that Respondents Horton and Jefferson County Tea Party thereby violated Section 130.031.8, RSMo.

II.

Based on the foregoing, the parties hereto mutually agree and stipulate that the following shall constitute the order entered by the Missouri Ethics Commission in this matter. This order will be effective immediately upon the issuance of the Consent Order of the Missouri Ethics Commission without further action by any party:

1. The parties to this Joint Stipulation understand that the Petitioner will maintain this Joint Stipulation as an open and public record of the Missouri Ethics Commission.

2. The Commission shall issue its Consent Order in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

a. Respondents shall comply with all relevant sections of Chapter 130, RSMo.

b. It is the Order of the Missouri Ethics Commission that a fee is imposed against Respondents in the amount of \$3,700, pursuant to Section 105.961.4(6), RSMo. However, if Respondents pay \$460 of that fee within forty-five (45) days after the date of the Order, the remainder of the fee will be stayed, subject to the provisions below. The fee will be paid by check or money order made payable to the Missouri Ethics Commission.

c. If either Respondent Horton or Jefferson County Tea Party commits any further violation or violations of the campaign finance laws under Chapter 130, RSMo, within the two-year period following the date of this order, then that Respondent will be required to pay the remainder of the fee. The fee will be due immediately upon final adjudication finding that Respondent has committed such a violation.

d. Respondents Horton and Jefferson County Tea Party shall be jointly and severally liable for all fees imposed under this order, except, however, in the case of a Respondent committing a separate violation in the two-year period following the date of this order, in which case that Respondent alone will be required to pay the remainder of the fee, according to the provisions of paragraph 2(c) above.

3. The parties consent to the entry of record and approval of this Joint Stipulation and to the termination of any further proceedings before the Commission based upon the Complaint filed by the Petitioner in the above action.

4. Respondents, together with their heirs, successors, and assigns, do hereby waive, release, acquit and forever discharge the Missouri Ethics Commission and its attorneys of or from any liability, claim, actions, causes of action, fees, costs and expenses, and compensation, including but not limited to, a claim for attorney's fees whatsoever which Respondents or Respondents' attorney may now have or which they may hereafter have, which are based upon or arise out of the above cases.

AGREED:

RESPONDENT KENNETH HORTON

PETITIONER MISSOURI ETHICS
COMMISSION

By: Kenneth Horton 4/30/13
Kenneth Horton Date

By: Stacey Heislen 5/14/2013
Stacey Heislen Date
Acting Executive Director

RESPONDENT JEFFERSON COUNTY TEA
PARTY

By: Curtis R. Stokes 5/14/2013
Curtis R. Stokes Date
Attorney for Petitioner

By: Timothy G. O'Connell 4-19-2013
Timothy G. O'Connell Date
Attorney for Respondent
Jefferson County Tea Party

JEFFERSON COUNTY TEA PARTY VOTER GUIDE

The Jefferson County Tea Party sent a questionnaire to each candidate for County Executive, County Council, and State Rep. Each candidate was graded by a five person panel based upon the Tea Party's core principles of Constitutionally Limited Government, Fiscal Responsibility, and Free Markets. A candidate's previous or current record in office was evaluated and reflected in their respective grades. A sample of the questions asked are listed below. You can view the entire questionnaire and answers online at www.jeffcoteaparty.com. Please note that most candidates took the questions seriously. However, some did not consider informing the voters a priority. They were graded with an (I) Incomplete.

Five of twelve questions we asked County Council Candidates. All questions and answers can be viewed online at www.jeffcoteaparty.com

1. What do you feel the proper role of government is in private enterprise and economic development?
2. The Charter Government requires candidates to declare a party. Would you be in favor of getting rid of this requirement?
3. Recently the City Of Arnold used Eminent Domain to take property from a private citizen so the Arnold Commons shopping center could be built. Are you in favor of using Eminent Domain for purposes such as this?
4. Do you favor the use of red-light and speed cameras? Yes or no, explain
5. Are you in favor of a smoking ban for all businesses in Jefferson County?

Five of eleven questions we asked State Rep Candidates. All questions and answers can be viewed online at www.jeffcoteaparty.com

1. List three reasons why small business owners should support your candidacy.
2. The recent federal health care law requires all citizens to purchase health care insurance; are you in favor of this mandate? If no, explain why. If yes, where do you feel the authority comes from?
3. Do you support or oppose the Arizona Immigration Law? Are you in favor of Missouri adopting the same law?
4. The 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution states, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Do you believe the Missouri Conceal Carry law infringes on that right? Explain.
5. Are you willing to eliminate all Corporate Welfare? Explain

County Executive

Ken Waller (R)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B+
Randy Holman (D)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: C
Dan McCarthy (L)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B

District 2

Renee Reuter (R)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: A-
Rene Dulle (D)	Questionnaire: Failed to respond	Tea Party Grade: I

District 3

Bob Boyer (R)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B+
Phil Amato (D)	Questionnaire: Failed to respond	Tea Party Grade: D+

While serving on the Arnold Council, Phil Amato voted to use Eminent Domain to take property from one of its citizens for the purpose of commercial retail development, which he now says he is against. His votes on taxes have given the City Of Arnold the second highest sales tax rate in Missouri, second only to Branson. He also advocated and voted for red-light cameras. His grade was based on his past voting record.

District 4

Charles Groeteke (R)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B-
Greg Dohack (D)	Questionnaire: Sent letter, will not answer questions	Tea Party Grade: I

District 5

Terri Kreidler (R)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: A-
William Wegge (D)	Questionnaire: Failed to respond	Tea Party Grade: I

U.S. Congressional District 3

Ed Martin (R)	Questionnaire: No questionnaire sent	Tea Party Grade: B+
Russ Carnahan (D)	Questionnaire: No questionnaire sent	Tea Party Grade: D-
Nick Ivanovich (C)	Questionnaire: No questionnaire sent	Tea Party Grade: B+

Congressman Carnahan voted with Nancy Pelosi 99% of the time since she became Speaker Of The House in 2007. He voted for Corporate Bailouts, Obamacare, Cash For Clunkers, and the disastrous \$800 Billion Dollar stimulus bill, while his brother received \$107 Million dollars of stimulus money for his wind farm. Grades are based on voting record and debates.

State Rep District 101

Charles Huey (R)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: D+
Tim Meadows (D)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B-

State Rep District 102

Paul Wieland (R)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B+
Jeff Roorda (D)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: C
Richard Blowers (C)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: A-

State Rep District 103

George Engelbach (R)	Questionnaire: Failed to respond	Tea Party Grade: I
Ron Casey (D)	Questionnaire: Failed to respond	Tea Party Grade: I

State Rep District 110

Carrie Cabral (R)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B
Ben Harris (D)	Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B

Recorder Of Deeds

Debbie Dunnegan (R)	Tea Party Grade: B+
Marlene Castle (D)	Tea Party Grade: D

Marlene Castle was a no show at all candidate forums. Debbie Dunnegan attended all of them.

Vote YES on Missouri Proposition A

Vote NO on Proposition B

Missouri law should not be amended regarding "puppy mills". Existing Missouri Law, the Animal Care Facilities Act of 1992, provides for the protection of domesticated animals. Consistent enforcement of existing laws and regulations is the key. Proposition B is an attempt by the Humane Society of the United States to regulate the ownership of ALL domesticated animals, starting with "puppy mills" and graduating to livestock and wildlife. The long-range goal of HSUS, an animal RIGHTS group, not an animal WELFARE group, is to gradually eliminate all animal ownership, all aquariums and water parks, and ban hunting. The BBB concluded in a recent study that the lack of effective law enforcement is what allows the puppy mills to thrive! Please vote NO on Proposition B.

Vote YES on Constitutional Amendment No 1 & 3

Vote YES on Constitutional Amendment No 2

Yes. ABSOLUTELY!, the Missouri Constitution should be amended to prevent the imposition of ANY new tax on the sale or transfer of real estate. We are already subject to taxes property and allowing additional taxes would be double taxation.

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EXHIBIT

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Here are five of the thirteen questions we asked each candidate

1. Are you in favor of using Eminent Domain to confiscate property from a private citizen for the purpose of building a shopping center such as Arnold Commons?
2. Will you vote to renew the red-light camera contract with American Traffic Solutions when it expires in June?
3. The City of Arnold purchased Pomme Creek Golf Course in 2006 claiming it would pay for itself. The city has yet to make a single principal payment or produce any positive net revenue. Do you feel the city should be in the business of operating a golf course using citizens tax dollars? What should be done now?
4. What do you feel the proper role of government is when it comes to private enterprise and economic development?
5. Are you in favor of the city's tax on rainwater which forces residents to pay for rain runoff caused by gravity? Why or why not? Do you agree with St. Louis Circuit Court that this violates Missouri's Hancock Amendment, which requires such taxes to be put to a public vote?

Ward 1		Ward 2	
Doris Borgelt Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B+	Michelle Hohmeier Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: A-
Randy Crisler (Incumbent) Questionnaire: Did Not Respond	Tea Party Grade: I	Bill Moritz (Incumbent) Questionnaire: Did Not Respond	Tea Party Grade: I

Other Relevant Info	Other Relevant Info
Doris Borgelt has never held public office, thus has no prior voting record.	In April of 2010 Bill Moritz and Ward 1 Councilman Randy Crisler were caught by Arnold police illegally hanging political signs on telephone poles in violation of the snipe sign ordinance they voted for. This kind of arrogance and "do as I say, not as I do" mentality is exactly what citizens are sick and tired of. This act alone should disqualify him from office. The news story and police report can be viewed on our website.
In April of 2010 Randy Crisler and Ward 2 Councilman Bill Moritz were caught by Arnold police illegally hanging political signs on telephone poles in violation of the snipe sign ordinance they voted for. This kind of arrogance and "do as I say, not as I do" mentality is exactly what citizens are sick and tired of. This act alone should disqualify him from office. The news story and police report can be viewed on our website.	Mr. Moritz is in favor of renewing the red-light camera contract with ATS even though the recent MODOT study has shown a 14% increase in overall accidents. Red-light violations in Arnold have increased from 5,000 in 2006 to over 9,400 in 2010. Accidents-UP, violations-UP, Revenue - \$220,000 per year. Red-light camera's... PRICELESS.
Red-Light Cameras: Mr. Crisler favors renewing the red-light camera contract with ATS even though a recent MODOT study has shown a 14% increase in overall accidents. Violations in Arnold have increased from 5,000 in 2006 to over 9,400 in 2010. Accidents-UP, violations-UP, Revenue - \$220,000 year. Red-light camera's... PRICELESS.	Sweeney Incident: In Sept of 2010, Arnold residents showed up to speak out against the re-hiring of city attorney Bob Sweeney. Mr. Moritz voted yes on a motion offered by Randy Crisler that Arnold residents not be allowed to voice their opinion before the council voted to re-hire Mr. Sweeney. Regardless of one's opinion of Mr. Sweeney, residents should never be stripped of their right to voice an opinion to their elected officials. Video of the council meeting can be viewed at our website under videos.
Eminent Domain: Mr. Crisler voted to use Eminent Domain against Arnold residents for the sole purpose of increasing revenue to the city. Eminent domain should never be used to confiscate personal property to enrich government coffers.	Pomme Creek Golf Course: Mr. Moritz voted to purchase Pomme Creek Golf Course for 3.25 million dollars in 2007. The city has yet to make any payment on the principal. With interest, the city now owes over 4 million and the golf course continues to lose money each year.
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Ward 3	
Stan Willis Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: A-
Phil Amato Questionnaire: Answered <u>most</u> questions	Tea Party Grade: D+
Bob Lindsley Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: B-
Tyler Baechle Questionnaire: Did Not Respond	Tea Party Grade: I
Daniel Bretz Questionnaire: Did Not Respond	Tea Party Grade: I

Ward 4	
Gary Plunk Questionnaire: Answered all questions	Tea Party Grade: C
Sandra Kownacki Questionnaire: Did Not Respond	Tea Party Grade: I

Other Relevant info	Other Relevant Info
To our knowledge neither have been elected to public office.	Willis, Baechle, and Bretz have never held public office.
	Eminent Domain: Mr. Amato voted to use Eminent Domain to take property from Arnold residents for the sole purpose of increasing revenue to the city.
	Red-Light Cameras: Mr. Amato favors the use of red-light cameras, even though the MoDot study shows an overall increase in accidents of 14% and violations have skyrocketed from 5,000 in 2006 to 9,400 in 2010. Mr. Lindsley has recently stated he is against the cameras. Previously he was in favor of a two camera system which would ID the driver.
	Pomme Creek Golf Course: As Arnold councilmen in 2006, Amato voted to purchase the course, which is now losing money every year.



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PAID ADVERTISEMENT

County Council vote on term limits and non-partisan elections are a slap in the face to many Jefferson County Voters

At the June 26th County Council meeting, five council members voted against letting voters decide if they wanted term limits and non-partisan elections (no party affiliations) for elected officials in Jefferson County. The term-limit bill would have restricted office holders to three terms or twelve years. Because both are amendments to the County Charter they would have needed a 57.2% vote in favor at the ballot box Nov 6th.

In an act of political arrogance, Councilman Don Bickowski offered a motion to pull both bills off the agenda because in his words "this is not in the best interest of the majority of citizens of Jefferson County". Council members Renee Reuter, Charles Groeteke, Terri Kreittler, and Cliff Lane all agreed and voted with Bickowski, killing any chance for voters to have a say on these issues. Councilmen Bob Boyer and Kelly

Waymon were the only two who voted against Bickowski's motion.

In poll after poll, term limits are favored by an average of 70% of voters across the country, and non-partisan elections are popular in county, city, and municipal elections. Why did they vote to take these decisions away from We The People, especially since both needed a super majority to pass? They can speak for themselves, but remarks made during the public comments may offer some insight.

During Public Comments, seven spoke in favor of letting voters decide and five spoke against the legislation. Two of the five that spoke against are people with positions inside the Republican Party, and another works with Councilman Groeteke. We also noticed recent editorials from Democrat Fran Newkirk and former

President of Jefferson County Labor Club Bart Velasco opposing term limits and non-partisan elections. Both are known as political insiders. Why are so many political insiders against term-limits and non-partisan elections? Simple, it's a threat to their King-making power and the good ole boy system that has infested Jefferson County politics and our country for years.

We sent a letter to each Council Member encouraging them to allow voters decide these issues at the ballot box. During Public Comments, some people characterized the letter as vitriolic, coercive, threatening, and amounting to bullying. Unfortunately these words are routinely used to describe anyone who dares to try and hold politicians accountable for their votes and un-filled election promises. Our response to those false drama-filled remarks would be that politics is

a "contact sport", and we will continue informing voters about local politicians who treat the voters with arrogance regarding important issues like these. We have our letter posted at www.jeffcoateaparty.com. When put in context with how it has been described, we're sure you will get a chuckle.

DEBATE

between two District 4 candidates on Thursday July 26th at 7 pm at The Banquet Center in Pevely, next to Dunn's Sporting Goods. Richard Blowers and George Engelbach will participate. Gubernatorial candidate Bill Randles will also be speaking. Incumbent District 4 Councilman Charles Groeteke declined to participate. District 2 Incumbent Renee Reuter initially accepted, then backed out. DJ Cully, the other District 2 candidate could not be reached. Come Join us!

Paid for by Jefferson County Tea Party

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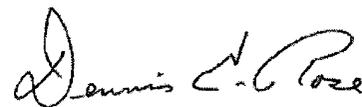


money order made payable to the Missouri Ethics Commission and sent to the Missouri Ethics Commission.

3. If either Respondent Horton or Jefferson County Tea Party commits any further violation or violations of the campaign finance laws under Chapter 130, RSMo, as amended, within the two-year period following the date of this order, then that Respondent will be required to pay the remainder of the fee as originally imposed by the Commission. The fee will be due immediately upon final adjudication finding that Respondents Kenneth Horton and Jefferson County Tea Party committed such a violation.
4. Respondents Horton and Jefferson County Tea Party shall be jointly and severally liable for all fees imposed under this order, except, however, in the case of a Respondent committing a separate violation in the two-year period following the date of this order, in which case that Respondent alone will be required to pay the remainder of the fee, according to the provisions of paragraph 2(c) above.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of May, 2013

By:



Dennis Rose, Chair
Missouri Ethics Commission