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Stacey Heislen

Acting Executive Director

June 21, 2013

Jeff Houston
Friends of Jeff Houston
9 St. Elizabeth Ct
O'Fallon MO 63366

Re: Case #13E054

Dear Mr. Houston:

The Missouri Ethics Commission, considered at the June 21, 2013 meeting, the complaint filed against you. The Commission reviewed the allegation of failure to report expenditures for two campaign mailers on the 8 Day Before April 2, 2013 Election Report, pursuant to Chapter 130, RSMo.

There were two different campaign mailers at issue in this complaint which concerned candidates for the City of O'Fallon Council Ward 5. Both mailers stated that they were paid for by your candidate committee, Friends of Jeff Houston. These mailer provided information about candidate, Vickie Schneider and urged voters to vote for you. The investigation showed that while the invoice was directed to your candidate committee, "Republic Services" directly paid the printer \$2,000.00 and "Allied Waste" directly paid the printer \$1,000.00. Your candidate committee paid \$149.82 in cash for this mailer, as reported on your 8 Day Before Election Report.

Because the payments by the two waste companies were reported as in-kind contributions on your committee's 8 Day Before Election Report, it was not necessary for those companies to file a non-committee disclosure report pursuant to Section 130.047, RSMo. However, you should consider that you published, circulated and distributed this mailer with your committee's identification and not all entities which paid for the mailer.

A third mailer which was not the subject of this complaint solely supported your candidacy, was paid for by your committee on March 25, 2013 in the amount of \$1,162.50 and was reported on the April 2013 Quarterly Disclosure Report.

From the facts presented, the Commission voted to dismiss the claim raised in this complaint that the expenditures for the mailers were not properly reported.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacey Heislen".

Stacey Heislen
Acting Executive Director

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