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**BEFORE THE
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION,)
)
) Petitioner,)
) Case No. 13A112A
)
) v.)
)
) ANTHONY (TONY) WEAVER,)
)
) Respondent)

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND
ORDER**

This is the final decision and order of the Missouri Ethics Commission following a hearing on a complaint filed by Petitioner by and through counsel, pursuant to Section 105.961, RSMo, and Chapter 536, RSMo. The hearing was conducted before the following members of the Missouri Ethics Commission: Dennis Rose, Louis J. Leonatti, Vernon Dawdy, John Munich, Bill Stoltz, and Charles Weedman.

A closed hearing took place on Friday, March 14, 2014, at the offices of the Missouri Ethics Commission at 3411A Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. The Commission was represented by Curt Stokes. Respondent Weaver appeared in person and through counsel, Elbert A. Walton, Jr.

The Commission admitted into evidence Petitioner's Exhibits 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, and 3 through 10. Respondent Weaver presented no evidence. Having considered all the competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record, the Commission finds by a unanimous vote as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The NCFD PAC registered with the Missouri Ethics Commission as a continuing committee in January 2013.
2. NCFD PAC identified Gussie Washington as its treasurer and stated that it had no deputy treasurer on its statement of committee organization filed in January 2013.
3. NCFD PAC did not at any time after January 2013 file another statement of committee organization with the Missouri Ethics Commission identifying Anthony Weaver as either the treasurer or the deputy treasurer of NCFD PAC.
4. NCFD PAC identified its official depository fund with Regions Bank, account number ending *8236, on its statement of committee organization.
5. On or about March 29, 2013, the following check was issued from the account ending *8236 from Regions Bank:

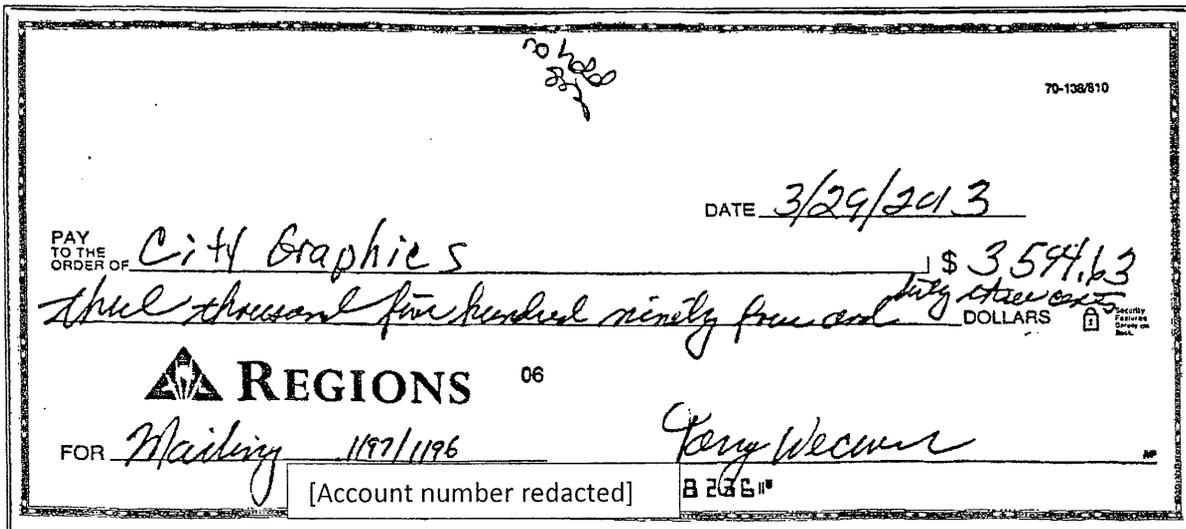


Exhibit 2A. Check from Regions Bank account ending *8236 to City Graphics (March 29, 2013)

6. The Commission took official notice of the Order of the Commission in Case Number 10A015, against Unity Political Action Committee of St. Louis, Inc., and Anthony L. Weaver, in which the Commission found that the committee was making expenditures through Anthony L. Weaver while he was not the committee treasurer or deputy treasurer. The order was admitted as Exhibit 1C.

7. The Commission admitted Exhibits 4 through 9, which were a statement of committee organization for Weaver 4 County Council, Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization, and checks contained in campaign finance committees registered with the Commission, and all bearing the signatures “Anthony Weaver,” “Anthony L. Weaver,” or “Anthony L. Weaver, Sr.”

8. The Commission took official notice of the statement of committee organization filed with the Commission for Citizens to Elect Weaver, identifying Respondent as “Tony Weaver,” admitted as Exhibit 10. Respondent Weaver signed this statement of committee organization “Anthony Weaver.”

9. No evidence was adduced bearing a signature “Tony Weaver,” other than Exhibit 2A referenced above.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. “[E]xpenditures shall not be made by a committee except through an official depository account and the committee treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate.” §130.021.4(1), RSMo.

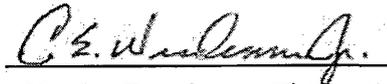
11. Except for expenditures from a petty cash fund, “each expenditure of more than fifty dollars, except an in-kind expenditure, shall be made by check drawn on the committee’s depository and signed by the committee treasurer, deputy treasurer, or candidate.” §130.031.2, RSMo.

12. Based on the evidence submitted, the Ethics Commission does not find probable cause to believe that Respondent Anthony Weaver violated sections 130.021.4(1) and 130.031.2, RSMo.

ORDER

The Missouri Ethics Commission finds no probable cause that Respondent Weaver violated Sections 130.021.4(1) and 130.031.2, RSMo.

SO ORDERED this 20th day of March, 2014.



Charles Weedman, Chairman

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION