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BEFORE THE
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	Case No. 14E106/14E108
v.	)	
	)	
LINDA WRIGHT,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

CONSENT ORDER

The parties having filed a Joint Stipulation of Facts, Waiver of Hearing, and Consent Order with Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law ("Joint Stipulation") with the Missouri Ethics Commission in this matter, the Missouri Ethics Commission hereby accepts as true the facts stipulated and finds that Respondent Wright violated Section 130.031.8, RSMo, as stated in the Joint Stipulation.

The Commission directs that all terms and orders of the Joint Stipulation be adopted herein and implemented.

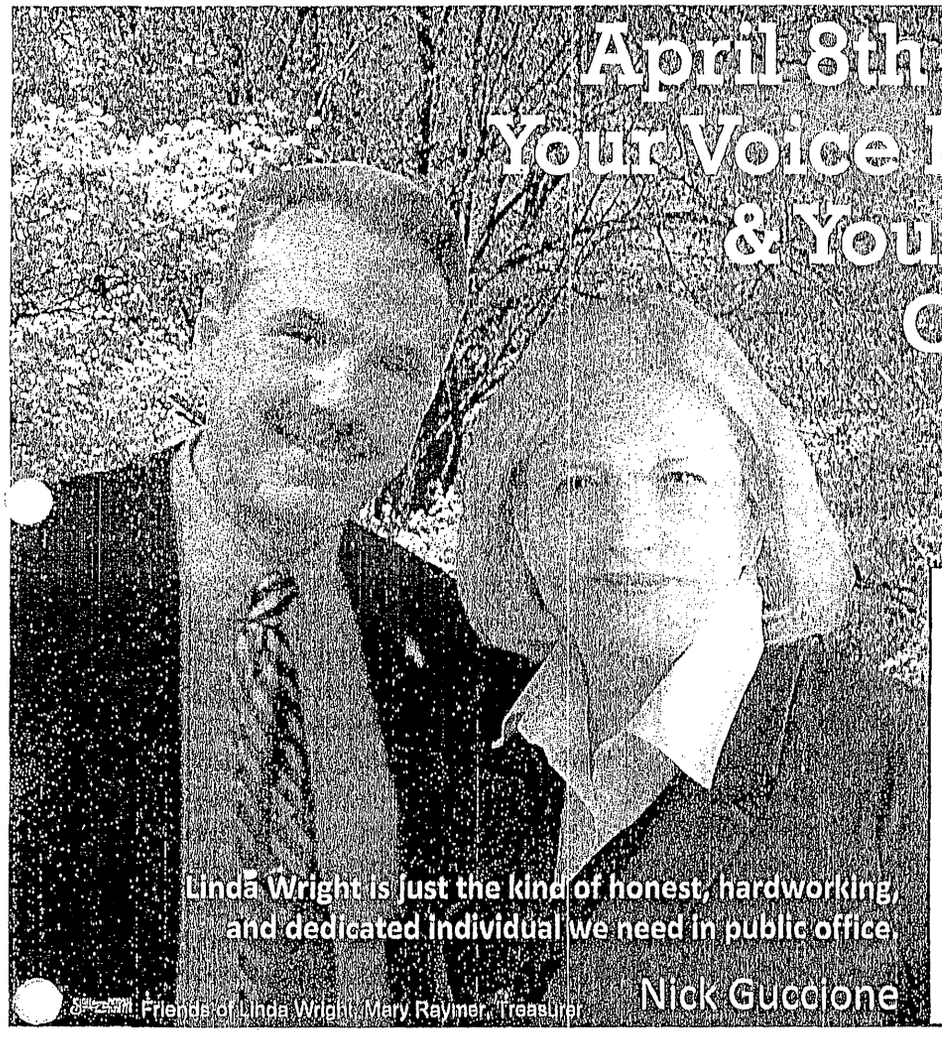
a. Respondent shall comply with all relevant sections of Chapter 130, RSMo.

b. It is the order of the Missouri Ethics Commission that it issue a letter of reprimand to Respondent Linda Wright pursuant to §105.961.4(4), RSMo.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of July, 2014

By: C. E. Weedman, Jr.

Charles Weedman, Chair
Missouri Ethics Commission



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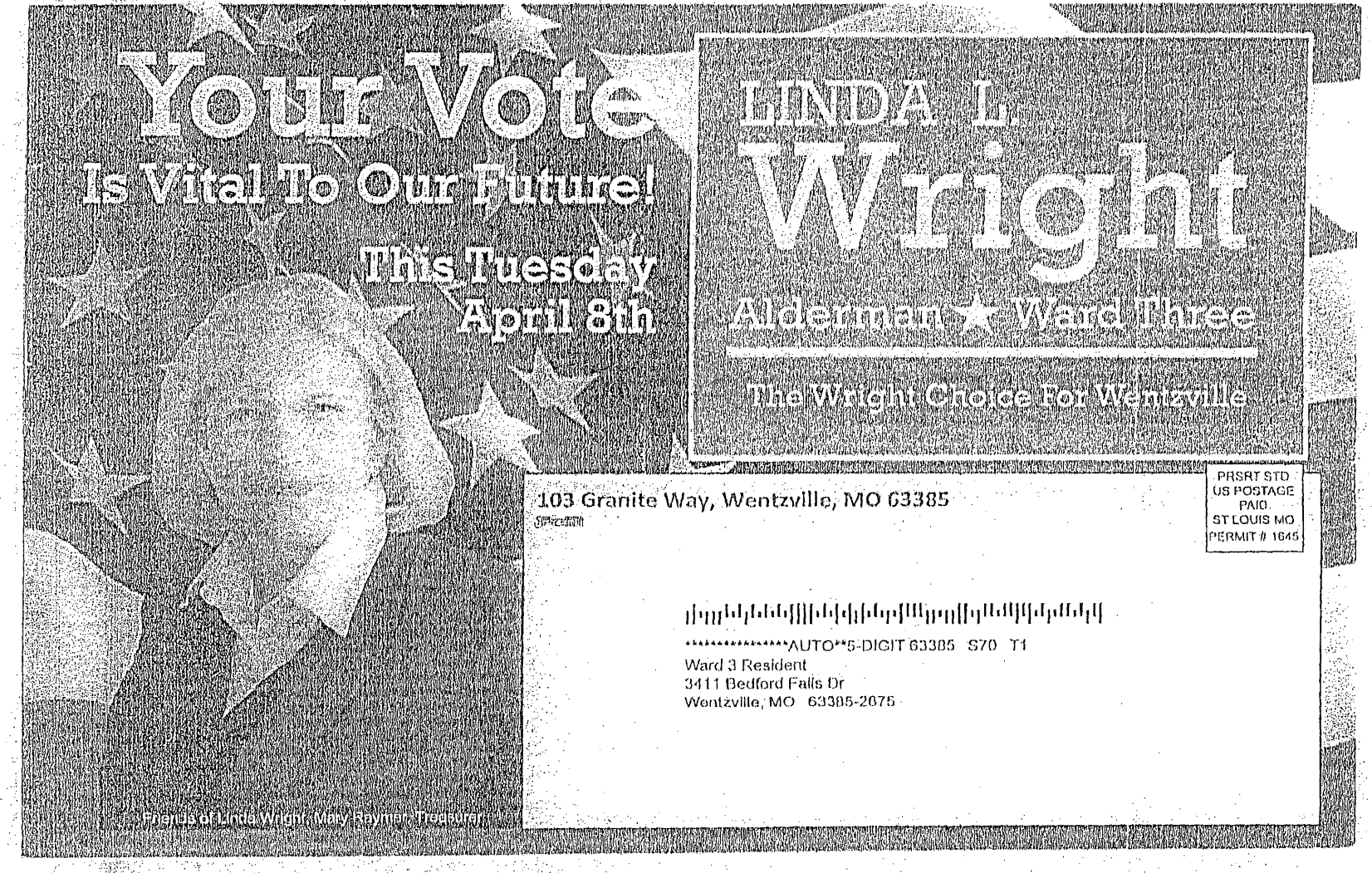

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James Klahr
Executive Director

July 21, 2014

Linda Wright
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Wentzville, MO 63348

***RE:* MEC Case No. 14E106/14E108**

Dear Ms. Wright:

A Letter of Reprimand is issued to you pursuant to the authority granted to the Missouri Ethics Commission in Section 105.961.4(4).

The Commission has accepted the submission of the 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 in this matter, a copy of which submission is marked as Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The Commission has found that the you violated §130.031.8, RSMo, by publishing, circulating and distributing mailers and yard signs attached hereto as Exhibit B without including the proper "paid for by" disclosure.

The Commission hereby issues this Letter of Reprimand to you for violation of §130.031.8, RSMo.

Sincerely,

C. E. Weedman, Jr.

Charles Weedman, Chair
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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 Respondent, Linda Wright, acknowledges that she has 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 Respondent further acknowledges that she is aware of the various rights and privileges afforded by law, including but not limited to: the right to appear and be represented by counsel; the right to have all charges against Respondent be proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing at the hearing against Respondent; the right to present evidence on Respondent's behalf at the hearing; and the right to a decision upon the record of the hearing. Being aware of these rights provided to Respondent by operation of law, the undersigned Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights and freely enters into this Joint Stipulation of Facts, Waiver of Hearing before the Missouri Ethics Commission, and Consent

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Order with Joint Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and agrees to abide by the terms of this document.

I.

Based upon the foregoing, the Petitioner and the undersigned Respondent 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 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. Respondent Wright was a successful candidate for Ward 3 Alderman in Wentzville, Missouri in the April 8, 2014 election.

3. 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.

4. Based on the report of the Commission's staff, the Commission determined that there were reasonable grounds to believe that violations of law occurred, and it therefore authorized a hearing in this matter pursuant to Section 105.961.3, RSMo.

5. Respondent Wright published, circulated, and/or distributed the mailers and yard signs, attached hereto as Exhibit A, by mailing them to voters in her district and placing the yard signs in various locations in Wentzville.

6. Respondent Friends of Linda Wright paid for the printed matter attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. The printed matter attached hereto as Exhibit A relates to a candidate in the April 2014 election.

8. The mailers and yard signs attached hereto as Exhibit A should have contained a clear and conspicuous statement: "Paid for by Friends of Linda Wright, Mary Raymer, Treasurer," but they did not.

JOINT PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. "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." § 130.031.8, RSMo.

10. "'[P]rinted 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; but 'printed matter' is defined to exclude ... any sign personally printed and constructed by an individual without compensation from any other person and displayed at that individual's place of residence or on that individual's personal motor vehicle; any items of personal use given away or sold, such as campaign buttons, pins, pens, pencils, book matches, campaign jewelry, or clothing, which is paid for by a candidate or committee which supports a candidate or supports or opposes a ballot measure and which is obvious in its identification with a specific candidate or committee and is reported as required by this chapter; and any news story, commentary, or editorial printed by a regularly published newspaper or other periodical without charge to a candidate, committee or any other person." § 130.031.8, RSMo.

11. In regard to any printed matter paid for by a committee, it shall be sufficient identification to print the name of the committee as required to be registered by subsection 5 of section 130.021 and the name and title of the committee treasurer who was serving when the printed matter was paid for. § 130.031.8(2), RSMo.

12. There is probable cause to believe that Respondent Wright violated Section 130.031.8, RSMo, by publishing, circulating and distributing mailers and yard signs relating to her candidacy in the April 8, 2014 election without including the proper "paid for by" disclosure.

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 1.

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

   b. It is the Order of the Missouri Ethics Commission that it issue a letter of reprimand to Respondent Linda Wright pursuant to §105.961.4(4), RSMo.

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. Respondent, together with her heirs, successors, and assigns, does 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 Respondent or Respondent's attorney may now have or which they may hereafter have, which are based upon or arise out of the above cases.

5. This joint stipulation does not settle, release, waive, or otherwise relieve Respondent from any late filing fees due to the appropriate filing authority, including Petitioner

Missouri Ethics Commission. Respondent understands that late filing fees accrue automatically under Section 105.963, RSMo.

RESPONDENT LINDA WRIGHT

By: Linda Wright 7/15/14
Linda Wright Date

PETITIONER MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

By: James Klahr 7/21/2014
James Klahr Date
Executive Director

By: Curt R. Stokes 7/21/14
Curtis R. Stokes Date
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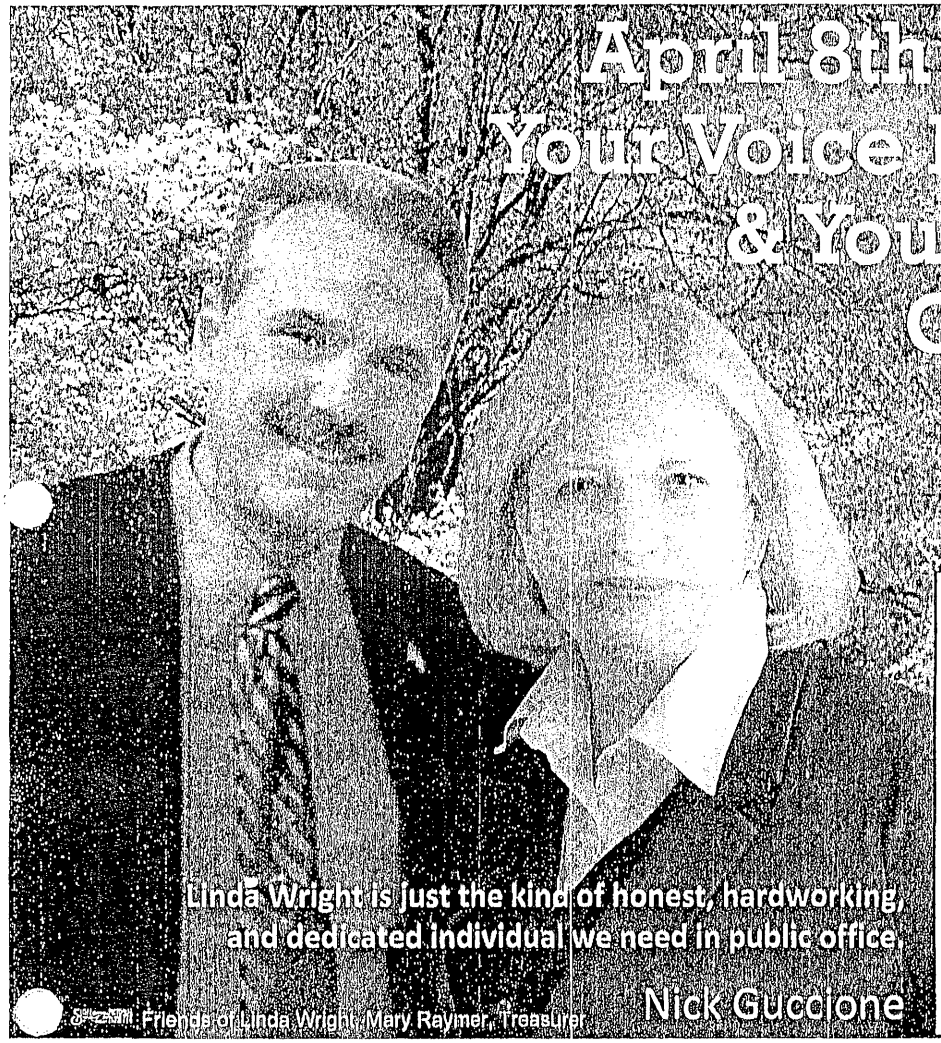

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Your Vote

Is Vital To Our Future!

This Tuesday
April 8th

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Friends of Linda Wright (Mary Rayner, Treasurer)

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