BEFORE THE
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

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MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
v.	)	No. 10E050A
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ED TAYLOR, Candidate	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

CONSENT ORDER

The parties having filed a Joint Stipulation of Facts, Waiver of Hearings before the Missouri Ethics Commission, 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 the Respondent Ed Taylor violated §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 Ed Taylor agrees that he will 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 the Respondent Ed Taylor in the amount of $100.00 pursuant to §105.961.4(6) RSMo. The fee will be paid by check or money order made payable to the Missouri Ethics Commission and sent to the Missouri Ethics

Commission, and is due upon execution and return of the Joint Stipulation of Law and Facts.

SO ORDERED this 30th day of September, 2010.

By: _____
Jim Wright

EXHIBIT A

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JOINT STIPULATION OF FACTS, WAIVER OF HEARINGS 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, Ed Taylor, acknowledges that he 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 he 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 proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witness appearing at the hearing against Respondent; the right to present evidence on Respondent's own behalf at the hearing; and the right to a decision upon the record of the hearing. Being aware of these rights provided to the Respondent by operation of law, the undersigned Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights and freely enter into this Joint Stipulation of Facts, Waiver of Hearings 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.

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 FINDINGS OF FACT

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

2. Respondent Ed Taylor published, circulated and distributed signs by placing them on telephone poles announcing Norm Wilson for write in candidate for Mayor of the City of Everton in the April 6, 2010 election, a copy of which is marked as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

3. Respondent Taylor painted the words "paid for by candidate" on two of the signs.

4. On April 12, 2010, a complaint was filed with Petitioner alleging campaign finance violations against Respondent.

5. Pursuant to §105.961.1, a special investigator has conducted an investigation and reported findings to the Commission.

JOINT CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. §130.031.8 RSMo states:

> 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.
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> (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...

2. The correct identification for printed matter marked as Exhibit A was "Paid for by Norm Wilson" with his mailing address in the "Paid for by".

3. There is probable cause to believe that Respondent violated §130.031.8, RSMo by publishing, circulating, and distributing printed matter without including the correct "paid for by" information on the printed matter relative to a candidate in the April 6, 2010 City of Everton election.

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. Respondent agrees that he will 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 the Respondent Ed Taylor in the amount of $100.00 pursuant to §105.961.4(6) RSMo. The fee will be paid by check or money order made payable to the Missouri Ethics Commission and sent to the Missouri Ethics Commission at the time of execution of this Joint Stipulation.

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 his heirs, successors and assigns, does hereby waive, release, acquit and forever discharge the Missouri Ethics Commission and its attorney 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 and his attorney now have or which they may hereafter have, which is based upon or arises out of the above case.

RESPONDENT

By: Ed Taylor 9-24-10
Ed Taylor Date

PETITONER

By: Julie A Allen 9/30/10
Julie A. Allen Date
Executive Director

By: Elizabeth L. Ziegler 9/29/10
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