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Executive Director

October 27, 2014

Judith Merrims
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MEC No. 14E244

Dear Ms. Merrims:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its October 27, 2014 meeting. The complaint alleges that you distributed signs and t-shirts without a proper "paid for by" disclosure and accepted contributions and made expenditures without forming a committee.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint. Interviews and documentation show that while you obtained pro bono legal services to assist in preparing ballot language for the upcoming November 4, 2014 election on the initiative relating to City of Olivette parks, the fair market value of these legal services do not exceed the minimum monetary threshold requiring a committee to be formed under Chapter 130, RSMo. Documentation obtained during this investigation established that you did not expend funds on signs or t-shirts that would require you to form a committee under Chapter 130, RSMo.

Sincerely,

James Klahr
Executive Director

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