



MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

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James Klahr
Executive Director

June 6, 2017

Ken McClure
Citizens for Ken McClure
1172 West Woodhaven
Springfield MO 65810

Re: File No. 17-0036-I

Dear Mr. McClure:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and Citizens for Ken McClure at its June 30, 2017 meeting. The complaint alleges that you and your candidate committee, Citizens for Ken McClure, violated the statute prohibiting the use of public funds to support or oppose a candidate when you appeared on a fire truck in a St. Patrick's Day Parade.

You were a successful candidate for Mayor of Springfield in the April 2017 municipal election. While a candidate and serving on the city council, you rode in a fire truck displaying the signs "Vote for Ken McClure" during a St. Patrick's Day parade.

Staff determined that the fire truck was not a City of Springfield fire truck but rather was privately owned. Southern Missouri Professional Firefighters PAC reported providing the truck as an in-kind contribution to Citizens for Ken McClure and reported the contribution on its 8 Day Before Election Report. Likewise, Citizens for Ken McClure reported receiving the in-kind contribution on its 8 Day Before Election Report. The City of Springfield indicated that the St. Patrick's Day parade is not a city-sponsored parade and that no city vehicles were used in the parade.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 115, RSMo, or Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr".

James Klahr
Executive Director