



MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

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James Klahr
Executive Director

November 9, 2015

Ian Thomas
Columbia Ward 4 Councilman
2616 Hillshire Dr
Columbia MO 65203

Re: File No. 15-0053-I

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its November 9, 2015 meeting. The complaint alleged you used public funds to advocate for local ballot measures when you distributed emails using your city email account.

Staff review of the complaint found that you did not use public funds when you sent two emails advocating support for local ballot measures and containing your city provided email address. While your email included your city provided email address you did not send the email through the city's server but rather through a third party server.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 115, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint. While the Commission is dismissing the complaint, the Commission cautions you to avoid the appearance of impropriety regarding how you communicate with constituents on city or other ballot measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Klahr".

James Klahr 11/10/2015
Executive Director