



**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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James Klahr  
Executive Director

February 10, 2016

Kelly Hardcastle  
PO Box 290  
Troy MO 63379

Re: File No. 16-0003-I

Dear Mr. Hardcastle:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its February 9, 2016 meeting. The complaint alleged you disseminated campaign materials via Facebook and a campaign website which included the paid for by disclosure of a committee that terminated in 2014.

Staff review of the complaint found that, while you had previously announced your candidacy for Associate Commissioner through a Facebook post, you had not yet met the monetary threshold set out in Section 130.016.6, RSMo, to require that you form a candidate committee.

Review further found that the paid for by disclosure on your campaign materials was incorrect at the time you ordered the materials because you had not yet established a committee. However, because you did not distribute the material in printed form until after you filed a Statement of Committee Organization with the Commission, you did not violate the paid for by provisions of Section 130.031.8, RSMo.

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

Sincerely,

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

James Klahr  
Executive Director