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James Klahr
Executive Director

March 9, 2016

Brenda Franklin
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St. Mary MO 63673

Re: File No. 15-0066-I, 15-0067-I, 15-0069-I

Dear Ms. Franklin:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaints filed against you at its March 8, 2016 meeting. The complaints alleged that you, while you were a candidate in the April 2014 St. Mary city election, formed the committee Concerned Citizens of St. Mary but did not register this committee with either the local election authority or the Missouri Ethics Commission. The complaint also alleges that two flyers sent out by the Concerned Citizens for St. Mary did not have the proper paid for by disclosure.

Staff review of this complaint found that, while there were three flyers distributed by a group calling itself Concerned Citizens of St. Mary, two distributed just before the city elections and another some months later, there is no evidence that you were responsible for distributing the flyers.

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,

James Klahr
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James Klahr
Executive Director