



**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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James Klahr

Executive Director

May 19, 2016

Citizens for a Better Columbia  
Yancy Williams, Treasurer  
501 Fay St, Ste 201  
Columbia MO 65201

Re: File No. 16-0025-I

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and Citizens for a Better Columbia at its May 19, 2016 meeting. The Commission reviewed the allegation that you and Citizens for a Better Columbia failed to file a Direct Expenditure Report reflecting support or opposition to a candidate for Columbia City Council 4<sup>th</sup> Ward in the April 2016 municipal election when it conducted two telephone polls prior to that election.

Staff review determined that telephone polls paid for by Citizens for a Better Columbia did not support or oppose any specific candidate. Therefore, the committee is not required to file a Direct Expenditure Report. (See Section 130.041.1(7)).

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.

During the course of reviewing this complaint, staff notified you that the committee and treasurer addresses were no longer valid. The committee filed an Amended Statement of Committee Organization on April 15, 2016 to update the address information. The Commission reminds you of the requirement to amend the Statement of Committee Organization within the time period provided in Section 130.021.7, RSMo.

Sincerely,

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

James Klahr

Executive Director