



MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

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James Klahr
Executive Director

September 20, 2017

Derek Grier
Citizens for Derek Grier
2271 Baxter Road
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Re: File No. 17-0047-I

Dear Mr. Grier:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and Citizens for Derek Grier at its September 20, 2017 meeting. The complaint alleged you used campaign contributions to pay for meals during the 2017 legislative session while also collecting your legislative per diem. It is also alleged you did not provide enough details regarding amounts and locations of expenditures on the committee's 2017 April Quarterly Report.

Section 130.034.2, RSMo, sets out those types of expenses a committee is authorized to make from its contributions received. Section 130.034.2(1) allows the committee to use contributions for "any ordinary expenses incurred relating to a campaign."

Staff review of the complaint identified several committee expenditures reported on the July 2017 Quarterly Report where the purpose listed was "Dining." These expenditures occurred between April 6, 2017 and May 3, 2017 and generally during times the Missouri General Assembly was in session. You indicated the committee paid for these particular meals because the meals were held as planning meetings for a future campaign fundraiser. The committee reported the fundraiser in a separate fundraising statement in the July 2017 Quarterly Report.

In the committee's April 2017 Quarterly Report, the committee reported expending \$85.76 for supplies; \$233.37 on food, representing "8 items"; and \$122.90 for mailing, representing "2 items." Section 130.041.1(4)(d), RSMo, allows a committee to group expenditures of less than \$100 in this manner, except for payments to campaign workers. Staff review determined that the committee properly reported these expenditures by category.

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

Sincerely,

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

James Klahr
Executive Director