



**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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James Klahr  
Executive Director

March 8, 2018

Mary Nichols  
Friends of Mary Nichols  
11610 Mack Ave  
Maryland Heights MO 63043

Re: File No. 18-0004-I

Dear Ms. Nichols:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and Friends of Mary Nichols at its March 7, 2018 meeting. The complaint alleged Friends of Mary Nichols failed to include a Statement of Fund-Raising Activity or Event on its 2018 January Quarterly Report and failed to report contributions received and expenditures made in relation to this event. The complaint further alleged that the committee received postdated checks received at the event so that contributions received were not reported on the January Quarterly Report.

Staff investigation of the complaint determined Friends of Mary Nichols is a candidate committee registered with the Missouri Ethics Commission. In May 2017, Friends of Mary Nichols amended its Statement of Committee Organization to indicate that you would be a candidate for Mayor of Maryland Heights in the April 2018 election.

Friends for Mary Nichols held a fundraiser on October 13, 2017. Staff reviewed the committee's records of the fundraiser as well as the committee's January 2018 Quarterly Report. The committee fully reported all contributions received and expenditures made. All contribution checks received were dated on or before October 13, 2017. The committee did not receive any anonymous contributions at the fundraiser.

Section 130.031.6, RSMo, only requires a committee to file the Statement of Fund-Raising Activity or Event when it receives any contributions from individuals whose names and addresses cannot be ascertained. If that occurs, the committee is required to complete the statement which details information about the event, including the total dollar amount received from participants whose names and addresses were not obtained and an explanation of why it was not possible to obtain those names and addresses. Friends for Mary Nichols received contributions at the fundraiser, each of which included the name and address of the individual contributor. Therefore, the committee was not required to file the Statement of Fund-Raising Activity or Event.

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, appearing to read "James Klahr".

James Klahr  
Executive Director