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Final Action: MEC No. 18-0090-I, Erica Hoffman, Friends of Erica Hoffman, Stephanie Gurley-Thomas

Date: October 26, 2018

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Erica Hoffman, Friends of Erica Hoffman and Stephanie Gurley-Thomas at its October 26, 2018 meeting.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged Friends of Erica Hoffman coordinated expenditures, which failed to appear on committee reports as in-kind contributions. Further, it alleged Erica Hoffman created campaign materials relative to her opponent that failed to include a "paid for by" disclosure.

Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Gurley-Thomas provided evidence that they did not coordinate, control, or direct the digital media activities of any entity. Documentation and interviews support that Thomas Madden created the digital media graphics utilizing a free downloadable software. Mr. Madden is not affiliated with Ms. Hoffman's committee. Finally, there was no "printed matter" identified that would require a "paid for by" disclosure under §130.031.8, RSMo.

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

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