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Final Action: MEC No. 19-0002-I, Lewis Reed, Committee to Elect Reed, Erin Zielinski

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Lewis Reed, Committee to Elect Reed and Erin Zielinski at its April 1, 2019 meeting.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged that Lewis Reed coordinated with an individual and/or entity to research, create, and disseminate campaign materials and messaging, consisting of three videos. The complaint also alleged that the objective of this coordination was to conceal the actual source of those expenditures, and that these expenditures should have been reported by Reed as in-kind contributions.

The MEC investigation found no evidence of coordination. Further, even though the videos in question contained an opponent's image, the videos failed to expressly advocate in favor of or against a vote for that candidate. Accordingly, the videos were not reportable as in-kind contributions.

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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