Final Action: MEC No. 20-0033-I, Barry Glantz, Citizens for Barry Glantz

Date: 8/3/2020

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Barry Glantz at its August 3, 2020 meeting.

The complaint that was filed with the Commission alleged that Mr. Glantz should have terminated his candidate committee, Citizens for Barry Glantz, after an unsuccessful election in August of 2019. The complaint alternatively alleged that Mr. Glantz should have established a new committee, or amended the statement of organization for Citizens for Barry Glantz, when he began campaigning for a new office in 2020.

Citizens for Barry Glantz was initially established in 2011. In 2012, Mr. Glantz was elected Mayor of Creve Coeur, Missouri, and he is currently serving his third and final term. In June 2019, he amended his statement of committee organization stating that he was running as a candidate for County Council, District 2. He is currently on the August 2020 ballot for St. Louis County Council.

Pursuant to Section 130.011(9), RSMo, a candidate committee is "a committee which shall be formed by a candidate to receive contributions or make expenditures in behalf of the person's candidacy and which shall continue in existence for use by an elected candidate . . ."

Subdivision (9) of Section 130.021.5, RSMo, requires candidates to disclose the name and office sought when initially filing a statement of committee organization. However, Section 130.021.7, RSMo, only requires an amended statement of organization be filed when there are changes to the information in Subdivisions (1) to (8).

Missouri's campaign finance laws expressly allow a successful candidate to maintain his or her candidate committee. Because Mr. Glantz is a current office-holder, he was not required to terminate Citizens for Barry Glantz while still in office. Additionally, he was not required to establish a new committee and an amendment to his current committee's statement of organization was not legally mandated, although recommended.

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

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