



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 20-0045-I, The Empowerment Network, and 20-0046-I, South Side Property LLC

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At its May 19, 2021 meeting, the Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Chris Carter and the Committee to Elect Chris Carter along with the Empowerment Network and South Side Property LLC.

The campaign finance violations involving Chris Carter and the Committee to Elect Chris Carter are detailed in the Joint Stipulation of Facts, Waiver of Hearing before the Missouri Ethics Commission, and Consent Order with Joint Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law filed on April 26, 2021. These documents are available Commission Actions on the MEC website.

The complaint filed with the Commission also alleged that the Empowerment Network, Inc., made a corporate contribution to the Committee to Elect Chris Carter in violation of the Missouri Constitution's prohibition in Article VIII, Section 23.3(3)(a). That provision states: It shall be unlawful for a corporation or labor organization to make contributions to a campaign committee, candidate committee, exploratory committee, political party committee or a political party[.]” The MEC investigation determined that the Empowerment Network, Inc. did not make a contribution to the Committee to Elect Chris Carter.

Additionally, the complaint alleged that a contribution from South Side Property, LLC to the Committee to Elect Chris Carter exceeded contribution limits. That violation is addressed in the Joint Stipulation and Consent Order referenced above. Beyond the facts articulated in those documents, the MEC investigation did not find reasonable grounds exist to support this allegation against South Side Property, LLC.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support violations against the Empowerment Network, Inc. and South Side Property LLC, and dismissed them from the complaint.

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