Final Action: MEC No. 21-0004-I, Shalonda Webb, Friends of Shalonda Webb, and Rhonda McKissic

Date: 5/19/2021

At its May 19, 2021 meeting, the Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Shalonda Webb, her candidate committee, Friends of Shalonda Webb, and its treasurer, Rhonda McKissic.

The complaint that was filed with the Commission alleged that Ms. Webb and Ms. McKissic has concealed the true identities of some of the contributors to Friends of Shalonda Webb. Missouri's campaign finance law states:

No contribution shall be made or accepted and no expenditure shall be made or incurred, directly or indirectly, in a fictitious name, in the name of another person, or by or through another person in such a manner as to conceal the identity of the actual source of the contribution[.]

Section 130.031.3, RSMo.

The complaint also alleged that Ms. Webb had converted contributions to personal use by fraudulently reporting personal loans to her candidate committee and then repaying those loans with contributions received from others. Section 130.034, RSMo, prohibits candidates from converting contributions to personal use.

The MEC investigation involved a thorough review of bank records and committee records. The investigation confirmed the accuracy of the contribution information reported by the Friends of Shalonda Webb.

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

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