Commission Action: MEC No. 24-0011-I and 24-0012-I: Heather Alder, Candidate and Elect Heather Alder, Committee; Invest in Ozark, Committee, Chuck Fugate, Treasurer

Date: 03/14/2024

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaints filed against Heather Alder, Candidate and Elect Heather Alder, Committee; and Invest in Ozark, Committee, Chuck Fugate, Treasurer at its March 14, 2024, meeting.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged both committees inaccurately reported contributions made by Invest in Ozark to Elect Heather Alder on the 40-day Before April 2, 2024, Election reports.

Invest in Ozark reported making a \$500 contribution to Elect Heather Alder on February 1, 2024, and a \$200 contribution on February 17, 2024. On March 1, 2024, the committee amended its report, and changed the date of the \$500 contribution to January 25, 2024.

Elect Heather Alder reported receiving the \$500 contribution from Invest in Ozark on January 25, 2024.

The investigation showed that the \$200 contribution was received by Elect Heather Alder at a fundraising event held on February 22, 2024, after the closing date for the 40-Day Election Report.

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

Elizabeth L. Ziegler Executive Director