



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 26-0068-I Americans for Prosperity

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Americans for Prosperity.

The complaint alleged that Americans for Prosperity used photographs in campaign advertisements that included individuals who were also candidates in a separate election, without properly documenting or reporting the use of those individuals' images.

Pursuant to § 130.047, RSMo:

Any person who is not a defined committee who makes an expenditure or expenditures aggregating five hundred dollars or more in support of, or opposition to, one or more candidates or in support of, or in opposition to, the qualification or passage of one or more ballot measures, other than a contribution made directly to a candidate or committee, shall file a report signed by the person making the expenditures, or that person's authorized agent. The report shall include the name and address of the person making the expenditure, the date and amount of the expenditure or expenditures, the name and address of the payee, and a description of the nature and purpose of each expenditure.

The investigation determined that Americans for Prosperity created and sent mailers supporting the candidacy of Mike Jones, a candidate for Missouri State Senate. The photographs included in the mailers depicted Mr. Jones and other members of his family, including his parents, both of whom were also candidates. The mailer did not identify Mr. Jones's parents by name, reference their candidacies, solicit support on their behalf, or contain any endorsement of them.

Based on these facts, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, occurred and has dismissed the complaint.

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