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Missouri Ethics Commission

BEFORE THE
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 26-0069-I
	)	
TIM BAKER and FRIENDS OF TIM BAKER,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

JOINT PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND CONSENT ORDER

The Missouri Ethics Commission ("MEC"), together with Tim Baker and his candidate committee, Friends of Tim Baker ("Respondents"), collectively the "parties," jointly stipulate and consent to action as set forth here (the "agreement").

Respondents acknowledge their right to have this agreement reviewed by counsel. Respondents further acknowledge they have received actual notice of the legal complaint filed by the MEC in this case, have reviewed the contents of the legal complaint, and submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Respondents further acknowledge they are aware of the various rights and privileges afforded by law, including but not limited to: the right to appear and be represented by counsel at a hearing before the MEC; the right to have all allegations against Respondents proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing at the hearing against Respondents; the

right to present evidence on Respondents' behalf at the hearing; and the right to a decision upon the record of the hearing. Being aware of these rights, Respondents knowingly and voluntarily waive each one of these rights and freely enter into this agreement and agree to abide by its terms.

I.

The parties mutually agree and stipulate, subject to adoption by the Missouri Ethics Commission, the following shall constitute the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) is an agency of the State of Missouri established pursuant to § 105.955, RSMo, in part for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of Chapter 130, RSMo.

2. Respondent Tim Baker was elected to the St. Charles County Council in 2022.

3. He is running for reelection, and his name will be on the ballot in the November 4, 2026 general election.

4. Friends of Tim Baker is a candidate committee that was established with the MEC on March 5, 2022.

5. Pursuant to §§ 105.957 and 105.961, RSMo, the Commission's staff investigated a complaint that was filed with the Commission and reported the findings to

the Commission.

6. The Commission determined there were reasonable grounds to believe violations of the law had occurred and authorized a hearing. Section 105.961.3, RSMo.

7. Respondents reported the receipt of a $500 contribution from Jeric Property Management on April 24, 2026.

8. Respondents reported the receipt of a $400 contribution from Jeric Property Management on June 12, 2026.

9. Jeric Property Management, LLC is a limited liability company that registered with the Missouri Secretary of State on April 20, 2005.

10. Jeric Property Management, LLC is not classified as a corporation under the federal tax code.

11. As of August 8, 2026, Jeric Property Management, LLC was not registered with the MEC as required by § 130.029.4, RSMo.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12. Section 130.029.4, RSMo, allows for a committee to accept a contribution from a limited liability company (LLC), when:

> (1) Any limited liability company that is duly registered pursuant to chapter 347 and that has not elected to be classified as a corporation under the federal tax code may make contributions to any committee if the limited liability company has:
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> > (a) Been in existence for at least one year prior to such contribution; and

> (b) Electronically filed with the Missouri ethics commission indicating that the limited liability company is a legitimate business with a legitimate business interest and is not created for the sole purpose of making campaign contributions.

13. Section 130.036.2, RSMo, defines when a contribution is considered to have been accepted:

> Unless a contribution is rejected by the candidate or committee and returned to the donor or transmitted to the state treasurer within ten business days after its receipt, it shall be considered received and accepted on the date received, notwithstanding the fact that it was not deposited by the closing date of a reporting period.

14. There is probable cause to believe Respondents violated § 130.029.4, RSMo, by accepting two contributions from Jeric Property Management LLC.

II.

Based on the foregoing, the parties mutually agree and stipulate, subject to adoption by the Missouri Ethics Commission, the following shall constitute the Order issued by the Missouri Ethics Commission in this matter:

CONSENT ORDER

The Missouri Ethics Commission finds probable cause to believe Respondents violated § 130.029, RSMo, and pursuant to § 105.961.4, RSMo, hereby **ORDERS:**

1. Respondents shall hereafter comply with all relevant sections of Chapter 130, RSMo.

2. Respondents shall refund the total of the two contributions to Jeric Property Management LLC.

3. A fee is imposed against Respondents in the amount of $1,000; however, if Respondents refund the unauthorized contributions and pay $100 within 45 days of the date of the consent order, the remainder of the fee will be stayed.

4. Respondents are jointly and severally liable for the payment of this fee.

5. Regardless of the stay in paragraph 3, if there is probable cause to believe that any Respondent has committed any further violation of the campaign finance laws in Chapter 130, RSMo, within the two-year period from the date of this order, then the Respondent who committed the new violation will be required to pay the remainder of the fee. That remainder will be due immediately upon final adjudication of finding probable cause.

6. Fees will be paid by check or money order made payable to the Missouri Ethics Commission.

III.

The parties understand that the MEC will maintain this agreement as an open record of the Commission. This agreement does not bind the MEC or restrict the remedies available concerning any violations not expressly detailed here, including any future violations. Each party agrees to pay all their own fees and expenses incurred as a result of this case, its litigation, and/or its disposition.

Respondents, together with their heirs, assigns, agents, representatives and attorneys, do hereby waive, release, acquit and forever discharge the MEC, the Commission's respective members, employees, agents and attorneys including former members, employees, agents and attorneys, of, or from any liability, claim, actions, causes of action, fees, costs, expenses and compensation, including, but not limited to, any claim for attorney's fees and expenses, whether or not now known or contemplated, including, but not limited to, any claims pursuant to § 536.087, RSMo, as amended, or any claim arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which now or in the future may be based upon, arise out of, or relate to any of the matters raised in this case or its litigation or from the negotiation or execution of this Joint Stipulation. The parties acknowledge that this paragraph is severable from the remaining portions of this agreement in that it survives in perpetuity even in the event that any court or administrative tribunal deems this agreement or any portion thereof void or unenforceable.

This agreement shall become effective immediately upon (1) the signature of all

parties; (2) the adoption of the Joint Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law by the Missouri Ethics Commission; and (3) the issuance of a Final Order by the Commission, without any further action of the parties.

SO AGREED:

RESPONDENTS

TIM BAKER

10/1/26

Tim Baker Date

FRIENDS OF TIM BAKER

10/1/26

By Tim Baker Date

PETITIONER

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

10/8/2026

Stacey Heislen Date
Executive Director

Laura E Elsbury Date
Attorney for Petitioner

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SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of November, 2026.

Julie Leicht, Chair
Missouri Ethics Commission