

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK) SS

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter Of:)
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Emily Troscinski,)
 Complainant(s),)
 vs.) 18 CD 077
)
Personal PAC, Inc, Friends to)
Elect Terra Costa Howard,)
 Respondent(s).)

FINAL ORDER ON COMPLAINT

TO: Emily Troscinski	Personal PAC, Inc	Friends to Elect Terra Costa Howard
210 Goldenrod Drive	134 N. LaSalle Street, Ste 2040	490 Pennsylvania Avenue
Savoy, IL 61874	Chicago, IL 60602	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

This matter coming to be heard this 24th day of August, 2018 following a Closed Preliminary Hearing of a Complaint filed pursuant to “An Act to Regulate Campaign Financing” (Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10 ILCS 5/9-1 *et seq.*, herein referred to as the “Act”), alleging that the respondents violated 10 ILCS 5/9-9.5 and 5/9-10 in that Respondent Personal PAC Inc. failed to include proper attribution of source language on two websites and a mailer, and failed to timely report independent expenditures; and that Respondent Friends to Elect Terra Costa Howard failed to report in-kind contributions and delinquently reported contributions; and the State Board of Elections having read the report of the Hearing Officer and reading the recommendation of the General Counsel and now being fully advised in the premises,

THE BOARD FINDS:

1. In regard to the allegation that Respondent Personal PAC, Inc. failed to clearly identify themselves as the payor of political communications, the complaint was filed on justifiable grounds; and
2. In regard to the allegation that Respondent Friends to Elect Terra Costa Howard failed to report in-kind contributions of \$1,000.00 or more from Personal Pac, Inc., or that Respondent Personal PAC, Inc. failed to report independent expenditures of \$1,000.00 or more, the complaint was filed on justifiable grounds in regards to Respondent Friends to Elect Terra Costa Howard and Respondent Personal PAC, Inc.; and
3. In regard to the allegation that Respondent Friends to Elect Terra Costa Howard delinquently reported contributions of \$1,000.00 or more, the complaint was filed on justifiable grounds.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The recommendations of the Hearing Officer and the General Counsel are adopted in part; and
2. In regard to allegation number one above, while filed on justifiable grounds, the complaint shall not proceed to public hearing, but instead any repeat violation of 10 ILCS 5/9-9.5 will subject Respondent Personal PAC, Inc. to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5000.00; and
3. In regard to allegation number two above, while filed on justifiable grounds, the complaint shall not proceed to public hearing, but instead Respondents Personal PAC Inc. and Friends to Elect Terra Costa Howard shall file an amended March 2018 Quarterly report to correctly report expenditures within 30 days of the effective date of this Order; Friends to Elect Terra Costa Howard shall file an amended report to report the receipt of an in-kind contribution in relation to the website, and Personal PAC Inc. shall file an amended report to report the remaining expenses at issue as independent expenditures; no fines shall be imposed for either committee's failure to disclose the in-kind contribution or independent expenditures that were the subject of this complaint; and
4. In regard to allegation number three above, while filed on justifiable grounds, the complaint shall not proceed to public hearing but instead the delinquent Schedule A-1 filings shall be referred to staff for the imposition of the appropriate civil penalties and A-1 amnesty; and
5. The effective date of this Order is August 28, 2018; and
6. This is a Final Order subject to review under the Administrative Review Law and Section 9-22 of the Election Code.

DATED: 8/28/2018



William J. Cadigan, Chairman