IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

In re the Matter of:

Karin Derry, Complainant

And Concerning:

Eddie Andrews, in the Capacity as Candidate for Eddie Andrews for Iowa, Respondent FC 2022-23

Order Reprimanding and Issuing Civil Penalty

THIS MATTER comes before the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board this 6th day of April, 2023, to consider a reprimand and issuance of a civil penalty.

On November 14, 2022, Karin Derry filed FC 2022-23 alleging that Eddie Andrews violated Iowa Code chapter 68A on or about October 30, 2022. Complainant alleges that Respondent failed to include an attribution statement on published materials, as required by Iowa Code chapter 68A.405. Evidence provided by Complainant shows campaign material with no visible attribution statement.¹

The Board voted to accept the complaint and authorize an investigation on November 17, 2022. Iowa Code chapter 68A and Iowa Administrative Code chapter 351 provide certain exceptions for the attribution statement requirement. However, none of those exceptions apply to the material at issue.

Board staff received information from both Complainant and Respondent's counsel concerning the campaign material at issue. Complainant states the campaign material was left at the home of an acquaintance shortly before the November 2022 general election. Counsel for Respondent states the campaign material was part of a first set of printing done in the summer of 2022, and that the Respondent did not intentionally distribute materials from the first set of printing aside from one farmers market in the summer. Following that event, Respondent printed new campaign materials which include the required attribution statement.²

Board staff requested but did not receive information concerning the number of materials printed without attribution statement. Counsel for Respondent stated that the information was not available.

For the aforementioned reasons, we find the Eddie Andrews for Iowa committee violated Iowa Code section 68A.405 by failing to disclose the required information on campaign materials. Pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code rule 351-9.4(2), the Board elects to handle this matter by administrative resolution rather than through a contested case proceeding.

¹ See Exhibit A.

² See Exhibit B.

IT IS SO ORDERED: In his capacity as Candidate for the Eddie Andrews for Iowa committee, Eddie Andrews is hereby reprimanded and ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250. Upon payment of the penalty, FC 2022-23 is dismissed as administratively resolved pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code rule 9.4(2).

BY DIRECTION AND VOTE OF THE BOARD:

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James Albert, Chair Elaine Olson, Vice Chair

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SUBMITTED BY:

Zachary S. Goodrich, Executive Director and Legal Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent by electronic mail on this // day of April, 2023, to:

Karin Derry, Complainant Bill Gustoff, Counsel for Respondent



