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September 14, 2021

Sandie Weathers
8107 W. Virginia Avenue
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Re: Dismissal of campaign finance complaint on Michael Gunstanson

Dear Ms. Weathers:

This office received your Campaign Finance Complaint dated August 22, 2021, as well as Addendum #1 dated August 25, 2021, and Addendum #2 filed on August 30, 2021, alleging Michael Gunstanson violated Sections 2.54.030 and 2.54.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code.

As the City Clerk, it is my responsibility at this stage to evaluate whether a campaign finance complaint is frivolous or groundless, or not, per Section 2.54.050(B)(1) of the Code.

After following up with Mr. Gunstanson via email and telephone on September 13, 2021, on the original complaint which indicates that Mr. Gunstanson campaign website was published on August 9, 2021. Mr. Gunstanson's amended report indicates the contribution as taking place on August 18, 2021. This could possibly be a violation of LMC 2.54.050(C)(7) which states: The City Clerk may reject any report if it is incomplete or contains any inaccurate information. The applicant shall have ten days from the date the City Clerk provides notice of the deficiency to amend the report to cure any such deficiency.

Mr. Gunstanson sent me an email dated 9/14/21 at 12:02 AM and he provided me further clarification on this discrepancy. He stated that, "Many hosting companies provide a development environment where this can be checked. My current hosting company does not. So, if I want to see how a page is going to look then I must turn that page live to check it out. I have had a chance to look at a page and then see if there is a problem I immediately turn it back off. "

It is my duty to reject any report that contains inaccurate information. As I cannot find that Mr. Gunstanson amended report contains inaccurate information, I am accepting

his amended report. Further, as the amended report cures the allegations in the complaint and, in following LMC 2.54.050(B)(1.2) no further action will be taken on the complaint. This matter is hereby dismissed.

Sincerely,

Bruce Roome

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CC: Michael Gunstanson