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To Whom It May Concern:

I was the campaign developer for Stephany Rose Spaulding, brought on the team by Dawn Haliburton-Rudy upon the leaving of Ethan Wade, the former campaign manager. Throughout many house parties, Stephany would speak of people in her hometown so excited about her running that they had cashed in life insurance policies, had taken out second mortgages, or had maxed out their credit cards for her. When the subject of finances came up within the campaign, she indicated that her finances were directly connected to the campaign's and that was the reason she was unwilling to give anyone else access. She also asked if the team was willing to be on the line for the \$30,000 that she was "on the hook for". Dawn Haliburton-Rudy (campaign committee chair) and Alan Pitts (political strategist) can confirm these events.

In conversations about where this money came from, I learned from Dawn Haliburton-Rudy, that Stephany had called and spoken to her about cashing a \$12,000 first check from her home church in Chicago. Stephany was in the process of cashing the check at the church's bank and then turned around and put it into her finance campaign under various under-limit donations so as not to have to report the monies from people. This was all circumstantial to me, but Dawn Haliburton-Rudy came to us with the financial implication of her owing that money back to the church after the text messages had come through from Stephany about her owing \$30,000, putting it together with info she had not understood previously, and now understanding what had happened with the church.

Because I had no actual proof of wrong-doing, I was going to let the matter go, until two things happened. One, I saw her filing and realized that in our text she said she owed \$30,000 and her FEC report had \$33,000 in undocumented donations. Those two numbers were too similar for me to not move forward. Secondly, I did some soul searching and the truth is this, I should wish to hold my own party to a higher standard than an opposing party. I can not say that I am being a vessel for change if I allow wrong-doing in my own party.

Please see attached copy of the article as well as screenshots of the text message conversation with the campaign team and Stephany. This was also reported in the Colorado Springs Independent in October 2017. A copy of that is also enclosed.

Thank you for your time and attention.


Chandra Wilkins3 July 18
Date

State of Colorado

County of EL PASOSigned and sworn to [or affirmed] before me on July 3rd, 2018
by Clarissa M. Wilson.

(Notary's official signature)

Notary

(Title)

06/20/2021

(Commission Expiration)

CLARISSA M WILSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20134018119
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 20, 2021



Stephany Rose Spaulding

[REDACTED]



Dawn Haliburton-Rudy

[REDACTED]



Alan Pitts

[REDACTED]





3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



12:46 PM

Complaints



Dawn
Haliburton -
Rudy

Stephany, James/Alan/
me want to know if you
are willing to acquiesce
to the campaign's
request that you
no longer handle
the finances of the
campaign.

12:...



Dawn
Haliburton -
Rudy

I just forwarded the
email to you from the



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



Dawn
Haliburton -
Rudy

email to you from the
admin at NGP Chandra.
Reach out to her and
she'll help

12:...

✓
12:57 PM

Done



Stephany
Rose
Spaulding

No I'm not as the
campaign's finances are
directly connected to
my personal finances

12:...



Dawn

Whoa!

0

/ 5000



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging

**Whoa!**

Dawn

Haliburton -

Rudy

12:59 PM

**Stephany that's a huge**

Dawn

Haliburton -

Rudy

no no

12:...

**You cannot have the**

Dawn

Haliburton -

Rudy

two intertwined

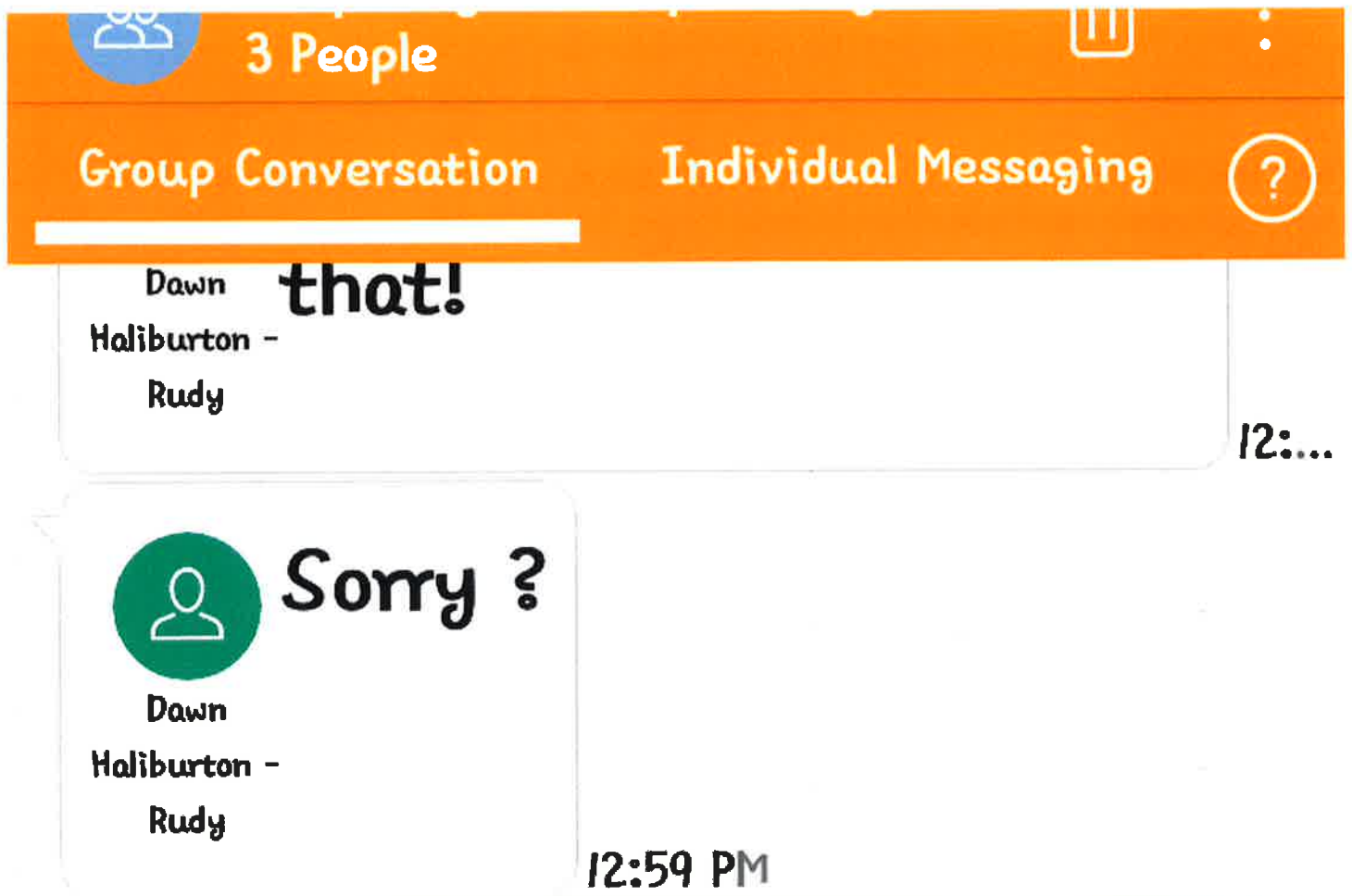
12:...

**What do you mean by**

Dawn

Haliburton -

that!



I'm not sure how the two are linked. One should have been set up as only the campaign, Not you directly at all. Was the account set up incorrectly?



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging

✓
1:02 PM**incorrectly?**

Stephany
Rose
Spaulding

No it's not.

There's no bank that will give an account without a SSN attached even when there's an EIN. In fact an EIN has to be attached to a SSN. There's I credit we can get without connecting to a live human being. And as



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



connecting to a live human being. And as both of you were there at the beginning with Ethan, I am the one who will be sued when things are not paid, not any of you. Not to mention the \$20k that I'm responsible for right now.

!:0...



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



right now.

1:0...



Dawn

Haliburton -

Rudy

That is very true

1:03 PM



Dawn

Haliburton -

Rudy

Stephany that is not
how that works at all

1:0...



Stephany

Rose

Spaulding

I'm not doing this over
text

1:0...



That's why the account



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



1:5...



Stephany
Rose
Spaulding

The tax I'd has to be connected to an SSN. Whether is an S-Corp or any other business formed an SSN is connected. I set up the EIN trust me I know what is required. But beyond all of that no one on this chain has tens of thousands of

- - - - -



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



tens of thousands of dollars tied up in this campaign right now. It's my mom's credit card that is maxed out right now, my siblings who cashed in their insurance policies, my God parents who maxed out at \$5000s because money is not coming from this community



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



from this community
for whatever reason.
If the Committee of
Stephany Rose for
Congress wants to
write that \$30k check
to cover the folks I'm
responsible to, the we
can take me off the
finances.

1:4...



Dawn

What about what
Chandra said Stephany?



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



Dawn
Haliburton -
Rudy

I'm glad that your family believes in you so much that they did such beautiful things.

1:4...



Dawn
Haliburton -
Rudy

The Feds see campaign money as just that, campaign money. Not an individual's money. Yes, your family have to you, but other folks who also gave, gave to



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



who also gave, gave to
the campaign.

In your best interest
and protection of you,
I strongly encourage
you to listen to your
campaign team on this
issue.

This is something that
can tank this campaign.

1:4...



I really appreciate that

Also, I really appreciate that



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



1:4...



Alan Pitts

I really appreciate that your family is doing all these wonderful things for you I, but I'm not understanding how you are responsible to them. If they donated money to your Committe to get elected to Congress why would we have to pay all that back

1:4...



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



1:4...

Just to clarify, is the bank account set up under your social security number, or is it only set up under the EIC?

There is a way to pay her family back, by calling it a loan in to the account. It can



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



the account. It can then be paid back by paying back interest or paying back the principal plus interest, or simply paying the principal on the amount given.

However, if that's the case, we need to notate that.



1:54 PM



3 People



Group Conversation

Individual Messaging



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1:54 PM

§ 103.1

SOURCE: 45 FR 15108, Mar. 7, 1980, unless otherwise noted.

§ 103.1 Notification of the commission.

Each committee shall notify the Commission of the campaign depository(ies) it has designated, pursuant to 11 CFR 101.1 and 103.2.

§ 103.2 Depositories (52 U.S.C. 30102(h)(1)).

Each political committee shall designate one or more State banks, federally chartered depository institutions (including a national bank), or depository institutions the depositor accounts of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration, as its campaign depository or depositories. One or more depositories may be established in one or more States. Each political committee shall maintain at least one checking account or transaction account at one of its depositories. Additional accounts may be established at each depository.

§ 103.3 Deposit of receipts and disbursements (52 U.S.C. 30102(h)(1)).

(a) All receipts by a political committee shall be deposited in account(s) established pursuant to 11 CFR 103.2, except that any contribution may be, within 10 days of the treasurer's receipt, returned to the contributor without being deposited. The treasurer of the committee shall be responsible for making such deposits. All deposits shall be made within 10 days of the treasurer's receipt. A committee shall make all disbursements by check or similar drafts drawn on an account at its designated campaign depository, except for expenditures of \$100 or less made from a petty cash fund maintained pursuant to 11 CFR 102.11. Funds may be transferred from the depository for investment purposes, but shall be returned to the depository before such funds are used to make expenditures.

(b) The treasurer shall be responsible for examining all contributions received for evidence of illegality and for ascertaining whether contributions received, when aggregated with other contributions from the same contrib-

11 CFR Ch. I (1-1-18 Edition)

utor, exceed the contribution limitations of 11 CFR 110.1 or 110.2.

(1) Contributions that present genuine questions as to whether they were made by corporations, labor organizations, foreign nationals, or Federal contractors may be, within ten days of the treasurer's receipt, either deposited into a campaign depository under 11 CFR 103.3(a) or returned to the contributor. If any such contribution is deposited, the treasurer shall make his or her best efforts to determine the legality of the contribution. The treasurer shall make at least one written or oral request for evidence of the legality of the contribution. Such evidence includes, but is not limited to, a written statement from the contributor explaining why the contribution is legal, or a written statement by the treasurer memorializing an oral communication explaining why the contribution is legal. If the contribution cannot be determined to be legal, the treasurer shall, within thirty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution, refund the contribution to the contributor.

(2) If the treasurer in exercising his or her responsibilities under 11 CFR 103.3(b) determined that at the time a contribution was received and deposited, it did not appear to be made by a corporation, labor organization, foreign national or Federal contractor, or made in the name of another, but later discovers that it is illegal based on new evidence not available to the political committee at the time of receipt and deposit, the treasurer shall refund the contribution to the contributor within thirty days of the date on which the illegality is discovered. If the political committee does not have sufficient funds to refund the contribution at the time the illegality is discovered, the political committee shall make the refund from the next funds it receives.

(3) Contributions which on their face exceed the contribution limitations set forth in 11 CFR 110.1 or 110.2, and contributions which do not appear to be excessive on their face, but which exceed the contribution limits set forth in 11 CFR 110.1 or 110.2 when aggregated with other contributions from the same contributor, and contributions which cannot be accepted under

Separate Bank Account

Another consideration, though not a requirement, is the segregation of testing the waters funds from personal funds. It is advisable for the individual to set up a separate bank account for the deposit of receipts and the payment of expenses. If the individual later becomes a candidate, a campaign account must be established to keep the campaign funds separate from the individual's personal funds. 102.10, 102.15, 103.2 and 103.3(a).

§ 102.15 Commingled funds (52 U.S.C. 30102(b)(3)).

All funds of a political committee shall be segregated from, and may not be commingled with, any personal funds of officers, members or associates of that committee, or with the personal funds of any other individual. See also 11 CFR 103.3 and part 114 and 52 U.S.C. 30118.

This information is not intended to replace the law or to change its meaning, nor does this information create or confer any rights for or on any person or bind the Federal Election Commission or the public.

The reader is encouraged also to consult the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.), Commission regulations (Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations), Commission advisory opinions and applicable court decisions.

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§30102. Organization of political committees

(a) Treasurer; vacancy; official authorizations

Every political committee shall have a treasurer. No contribution or expenditure shall be accepted or made by or on behalf of a political committee during any period in which the office of treasurer is vacant. No expenditure shall be made for or on behalf of a political committee without the authorization of the treasurer or his or her designated agent.

(b) Account of contributions; segregated funds

(1) Every person who receives a contribution for an authorized political committee shall, no later than 10 days after receiving such contribution, forward to the treasurer such contribution, and if the amount of the contribution is in excess of \$50 the name and address of the person making the contribution and the date of receipt.

(2) Every person who receives a contribution for a political committee which is not an authorized committee shall-

(A) if the amount of the contribution is \$50 or less, forward to the treasurer such contribution no later than 30 days after receiving the contribution; and

(B) if the amount of the contribution is in excess of \$50, forward to the treasurer such contribution, the name and address of the person making the contribution, and the date of receipt of the contribution, no later than 10 days after receiving the contribution.

(3) All funds of a political committee shall be segregated from, and may not be commingled with, the personal funds of any individual.

(c) Recordkeeping

The treasurer of a political committee shall keep an account of-

(1) all contributions received by or on behalf of such political committee;

(2) the name and address of any person who makes any contribution in excess of \$50, together with the date and amount of such contribution by any person;

(3) the identification of any person who makes a contribution or contributions aggregating more than \$200 during a calendar year, together with the date and amount of any such contribution;

Stephany Rose Spaulding announced her candidacy to represent Colorado's 5th Congressional District in July of 2017. Source:

<https://www.csindy.com/coloradosprings/darryl-glenn-to-challenge-lamborn-in-cd5/Content?oid=6302701>

Questions arise concerning campaign finance issues/violations in October 2017. Source: <https://www.csindy.com/TheWire/archives/2017/10/09/congressional-candidate-stephany-rose-abandoned-by-campaign-leaders>

Requirements for when a candidate becomes an official candidate in the FEC's eyes (i.e. no longer "testing the waters" and thus becomes subject to ALL FEC regulations under campaign finance laws):

I. CANDIDATE REGISTRATION THRESHOLD

An individual triggers registration and reporting responsibilities under the Act when campaign activity exceeds \$5,000 in either contributions or expenditures. Money raised and spent to test the waters does not count toward this dollar threshold until the individual decides to run for federal office or conducts activities that indicate he or she is actively campaigning rather than testing the waters. (See Chapter I, "Testing the Waters.") The \$5,000 threshold is reached when:

- The individual and/or persons he or she has authorized to conduct campaign activity receive over \$5,000 in contributions or make over \$5,000 in expenditures; or
- The individual fails to disavow unauthorized campaign activity by writing a letter to the FEC within 30 days after being notified by the agency that another person or group has received contributions or made expenditures of more than \$5,000 on the individual's behalf. 100.3(a)(3) and 102.13(a)(2).

Source: <https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/candgui.pdf>

Once this threshold is reached, all campaign funds *MUST* be segregated from personal finances:

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According to Stephany Rose Spaulding's filings with the FEC, that threshold was reached in July with disbursements alone. Source:

https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?committee_id=C00649038&two_year_transaction_period=2018&data_type=processed&min_date=07%2F01%2F2017&max_date=07%2F31%2F2017

Quote from October *CS Indy* article referenced above:

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See also [11 CFR 103.3](#) and part 114 and [52 U.S.C. 30118](#).

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Congressional candidate Stephany Rose abandoned by campaign leaders

POSTED BY NAT STEIN ON MON, OCT 9, 2017 AT 7:01 PM

UPDATE: While Dawn Haliburton-Rudy listed several groups that she says will work together to search for a new candidate for the 5th Congressional District, leaders of those groups have since contacted the *Independent* to say they have not yet committed to such a process, and are in a wait-and-see mode.

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Nat Stein

Stephany Rose speaks alongside Dreamers at a recent rally.

Over the weekend, the majority of Stephany Rose Spaulding's campaign team jumped ship, saying they're uncomfortable with how the campaign's finances have been handled.

Rose, a pastor and professor, is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 5th Congressional District on the Democratic side. A political newbie, she officially announced her candidacy on July 3. This staff defection comes as the campaign readies its first campaign finance report.

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) requires candidate committees close their books on the October Quarterly on Sep. 30. They have until Oct. 15 to file a report that itemizes receipts and disbursements. It's a public document that looks like this.

Preparation for the filing is what brought some campaign members' concerns to a fore. On Saturday, they released a joint statement:

All,

Please note that Alan Pitts, Chandra Yvonne and I have resigned from Stephany Rose Spaulding's campaign for Congressional District 5. We have made this decision based on perceived financial improprieties committed by the candidate for this race. We, in no way shape or form, had anything to do nor did we have any knowledge of the current allegations.

Further, we demanded that the candidate provide us the financial information, which only she controls, to perform a forensic evaluation to thoroughly assess the level of potential improprieties. The candidate refused. As a result of the candidate's refusal, we determined, that it is in our best interest to resign. We wish the candidate all the best.

Sincerely,

Dawn Haliburton-Rudy (campaign committee chair)
 Alan Pitts (political strategist)
 Chandra Yvonne (interim campaign developer)

Originally, that statement was also signed by Carolyn Cathey, a campaign advisor. But on Monday she distanced herself from the other three, releasing this statement instead.

Dear everyone,

To be clear I am still associated with the campaign in the same informal advisory role I was always in. A team of campaign experts have been deployed to complete the FEC filing due October 15th, this is a public document, and according to our team of experts including campaign finance advisors, the accounts have been set up correctly with them all leading back to the candidate as the law requires. The suspicions about possible irregularities are being looked at from all angles to include previous volunteers. All of us take this matter very seriously and I believe that numbers never lie...the money is accounted for and in its proper place, as of writing this message, and the public filing will show that. Any impropriety will be handled with the full extent of the law and will be made public as the investigation allows. Trust is the most important asset a person can ever give... keeping that trust is the most important asset a candidate can ever possess. Thank you so much my friends.

Also on Monday, a draft press release from the campaign was leaked to the *Indy*.

The campaign Stephany Rose for Congress is excited about our candidate who continues to demonstrate the strength of her candidacy and leadership for our community. She has defied expectations with her first quarter fundraising, proving the seriousness as a contender to become the next U.S. House of Representatives Congressional leader for Colorado's Fifth District.

Unfortunately, trust and confidence of volunteers intimate to the campaign have been breached. In their efforts to engage in dirty tricks and orchestrating unethical meetings with potential Republican and Democratic opponents of Stephany Rose Spaulding, they have demonstrated a desire for politics as usual. This is not and never will be the spirit of Stephany Rose for Congress.

Stephany Rose for Congress is a financially and ethically sound campaign. And our candidate is surrounded by a team of trusted expert advisers dedicated to her mission of putting people over politics and transforming Colorado's Fifth Congressional District in all our best interests.

Neither Cathey nor Rose returned multiple voice mails and emails requesting their comment. We eagerly await their reply and will update this blog when we get it.

So, you might be asking yourself, what the heck is going on here?

Haliburton-Rudy and Yvonne sat down with the *Independent* on Sunday to further explain themselves. Essentially, their misgivings are two-fold: they suspect potential campaign finance violations and they disagree with certain fundraising practices on ethical grounds.

The reason they're suspicious, they say, is because the candidate was persistently "elusive" when it came to money matters. Rose allegedly kept the campaign's finances quite close to the chest — withholding access to accounting spreadsheets, bank statements and the funds themselves. Tensions came to a head this weekend when members of the campaign requested that the candidate relinquish control of the finances. In a group text message thread, Rose replied that "No [I won't] as the campaign's finances are directly connected to my personal finances."

A frustrated Yvonne asks, "If it was all above board, why make it off-limits to your team?"

The secretive dynamic isn't new. Ethan Wade, former campaign manager (and *Indy* freelancer), says it's one of the reasons he quit in early September. "It's pretty typical for campaigns to hire compliance consultants (lawyers and CPAs who specialize in FEC regulations) and the folks I was working with on Stephany's campaign flat out refused to hire one in favor of having the committee's treasurer work on the finances," he writes to the *Indy* via Facebook messenger. "I was really against that decision since none of us had any expertise in FEC regulations, but they went on regardless."

As committee chair, Haliburton-Rudy says that with the FEC deadline approaching, she won't rubber stamp a filing based on transactions she's never had the chance to review. "There were resources available to her but she wouldn't accept any advisement," she tells the *Indy*, adding that she intends to file a complaint to the FEC this week. That complaint will single out an alleged loan that the campaign received from Rose's childhood church in Chicago. Haliburton-Rudy believes, based on conversations with Rose, that the funds exceeded federal limits, were deposited improperly and came from a source that's barred from political contributions.

Again, Rose didn't return requests for comment on this story.

FEC guidelines state that "The treasurer of a political committee is responsible for examining all contributions to make sure they are not illegal."

According to the "statement of organization" filing for "Stephany Rose for Congress," the committee's treasurer and custodian of records is Sarah Jeanne McCollim. McCollim is reportedly out of the country and has been for a few weeks now. We've reached out and will update when we hear back.

FEC guidelines also state that "The candidate may act as the committee's treasurer."

Aside from their legal and financial skepticism, Haliburton-Rudy, Yvonne and Pitts all harbor an ethical skepticism that, they say, overshadows the rest. It stems from anecdotes they heard at multiple fundraisers. "[Rose] would tell everyone that she had at least two members of her church take out second mortgages to

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Dawn Haliburton-Rudy feels deceived.

donate to her campaign," Yvonne recounts. "And these were older people who need to be in a nursing home, you know. ... And there was one woman, she told us, with stage-four cancer who cashed in her life insurance to give [to the campaign]."

As a licensed social worker, Haliburton-Rudy says this just didn't sit right with her, regardless of the legality.

"It was like she was bragging about it," she says. "And that's not right."

Yvonne, who lives on a fixed income because of a disability, elaborated: "If this is truly a campaign that 'puts people over politics,' we shouldn't be willing to exploit vulnerable people just to get ahead."

Both acknowledge that leaving the campaign doesn't bode well for progressives in the region. Congressional District 5, where just over 20 percent of the electorate is registered with the Democratic Party, is a long-shot race no matter how united against incumbent Doug Lamborn local Democrats may be.

The closest showing by a Democrat in recent memory was in 2014 when Irv Halter, a retired Air Force Major General, got 40 percent of the vote. In fact, voters in the 5th have never sent a Democrat to Congress. So, any drama or division puts the prospect of winning even further out of reach.

On the Republican side, Colorado Springs State Senator Owen Hill, El Paso County Commissioner Darryl Glenn and Colorado Springs City Councilor Tom Strand are all challenging Doug Lamborn in the primary.

On the Democratic side, another newcomer to electoral politics, Betty Field, is gunning for the nomination. She's not rushing to judgement about the allegations against her opponent, saying, in general, that "people, not just candidates, make mistakes. No one's perfect. People are forgiving ... However, if you make a mistake with someone else's money, that's a much tougher thing to forgive."

For her part, Field doesn't touch her campaign's finances, leaving it for her treasurer to handle. "I promised to run a clean and transparent campaign," Field says. "There were no issues with my first filing and I don't expect there to be any with the second."

But the defectors from Rose's campaign aren't eager to join Field's. Instead, Haliburton-Rudy says, they're going to put their heads together with other local progressives to find the right candidate to run.

She expects the search committee to include, among others, representatives from Together for Colorado Springs (which she herself co-chairs, along with *Indy* founder John Weiss, for transparency), Unite Colorado Springs, Citizens for Hope and Pikes Peak Progressives. It'll be more rigorous this time, she expects, meaning a longer questionnaire and in-person vetting. They'll consider Democratic, Republican and Independent candidates. "We have to get serious. We can't let this happen again," she says.

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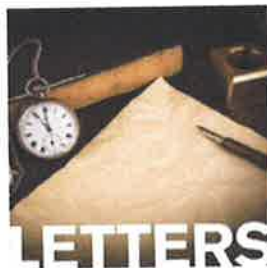
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