

Noble County Republican Party

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November 11, 2010

Federal Election Commission
General Counsel's Office
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Attention:
Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Complaints Examination & Legal Administration

Re: MUR#6404

This letter is in response to the complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by the Indiana 3rd District Democrat Chairperson on October 19, 2010. This complaint indicates that the Noble County Republican Central Committee may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

Response to Complaint

As the Noble County Republican Party Chairman and official representative of the Noble County Republican Central Committee our official response to this complaint is as follows:
The Noble County Republican Central Committee was not aware of the signs, was not responsible for the signs and did not sanction the signs. Therefore:
"No action should be taken against the Noble County Republican Central Committee in this matter".

History of Events:

On the evening of Monday, October 18th, 2010 I received a call from the Carmen Darland, Chairwoman of the Noble County Democratic Central Committee and Indiana 3rd District Democratic Chairman. She proceeded to ask me about the three large signs in Kendallville that did not display a "Paid For Disclaimer".

- She asked me if I was aware of these signs, if we were responsible for the signs, or if I knew who was responsible?
- It was at this time in the conversation that she asked me to have the signs removed and address the matter.

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- I advised her that I was not aware of the signs and assured her that the Noble County Republican Central Committee was not responsible for the signs and did not know who was. It was at this time that I volunteered to contact Candidate Martin Stutzman to ask him if he was aware of the signs or if he knew anything about them.
- At this time I advised her that I could not and would not remove any sign of any kind that the Noble County Republican Central Committee did not own or sanction.
- I immediately contacted Candidate Stutzman to discuss this issue.
- Candidate Stutzman advised he was not aware of the signs and did not know who was. At this time he stated he was sure his campaign staff was not responsible for the signs, but he would check with his staff to verify.
- Once I finished my conversation with Candidate Stutzman I proceeded to call Carmen back with the information I had received from Candidate Stutzman. I spoke with both, Democratic Chairman Carmen Darland and Democratic Vice Chairman John Holsenbeck that evening to advise them that the Candidate Stutzman's Campaign was not responsible for the signs and did not know who was. I also reiterated that the Noble County Republican Central Committee was not responsible for the signs and did not know who was.

Until I received this formal complaint notification from the Federal Election Commission I considered this issue mute and did not give it any further consideration. If you have any question or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regard,



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Chairman – Noble County Republican Party

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