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Thank you. On behalf of Friends of Hagedorn, the allegations contained in the supplemental complaint are false. From 2013 through 2020, Friends of Hagedorn utilized 11 Civic Center Plaza (also known as the Brett's Building), Suite 007, as a mailing address. It corresponds strictly to a US Post Office Box and not a physical address with office space. Keys for the Post Office Box were received by Friends of Hagedorn from the USPS, and the Brett's Building owner never charged anyone or any entity for mailbox use over a period of 26 years. By no fee being levied, Friends of Hagedorn was treated the same as every other user of Post Office Boxes and therefore there was no campaign finance violation.

Friends of Hagedorn also utilized unfurnished basement space in the Brett's Building from March 2018 thru November 7, 2018. That space is not Suite 007, as is alleged in the complaint. There is no Suite 007 in the Brett's Building to the campaign's knowledge. Suite 007 corresponds to a PO Box address (see above). The owner said the fair market cost for the space was \$100.00 and, accordingly, Friends of Hagedorn made that payment in October 2018. Friends of Hagedorn's understanding is that in late summer of 2019 that basement space was refurbished and leased to a full-time tenant at a nominal price.

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