

September 22, 2020

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Mr. Sigurdson:

Erin Murphy, a Democratic Farmer Labor (DFL) candidate for the Minnesota Senate in District 64 (CFB Registration number 18443) is seeking to hire and pay campaign staff to work under her direction on behalf of other Minnesota State Senate candidates. This paid campaign staff work will constitute a contribution from Murphy's campaign account to the other candidates, which is specifically prohibited under law (§10A.27, subd. 9). Independent expenditures from one 10A campaign to another are also specifically prohibited as a condition of receiving a public subsidy (§10A.25, subd. 3a). According to the Handbook for Candidates from the Campaign Finance Board:

"A candidate who has signed a public subsidy agreement cannot make independent expenditures on behalf of another candidate."

Murphy is attempting to illegally use her large public subsidy grant of \$18,819.10 to help candidates in other districts. The board needs to instruct Murphy to cease and desist this illegal campaign activity immediately.

Erin Murphy recently advertised for campaign workers using the following text:

Through the 2020 General Election, Erin Murphy for State Senate will be working to keep Minnesota blue in statewide races, and to help create a State Senate majority that can take action on the urgent issues facing our state. To do so, the campaign is building a strong relational organizing program that will work to increase turnout across CD 4, recruit SD 64 volunteers to call Minnesotans across the state, and mobilize Erin's past base to support candidates in contested Senate races.

In the job posting for these positions, Murphy explicitly says she will be making expenditures in "contested Senate races" "across the state." That is illegal activity.

According to her Twitter account on September 14, 2020, Murphy closed applications for these campaign positions writing:

Due to high response, we are closing applications for Campaign Fellow positions tomorrow night, Tuesday 9/15, at midnight. If you're planning to apply, submit before then!

It appears one campaign staffer has already been hired. Dan Cox posted an invitation on Twitter encouraging people to “come join him” at the Murphy campaign. Cox was paid \$3,834.31 for “Employee expense” according to Murphy’s July 20 pre-primary report to the Board.

Please accept this letter as an official complaint and take action against candidate Murphy immediately before she unfairly and illegally uses her public subsidy money to influence other elections.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Gazelka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Gazelka
Senate Victory Fund

Attachments:

Erin Murphy tweet advertising for campaign workers
Erin Murphy tweet closing applications
Dan Cox tweet inviting others to “come join him”
Job description for St Paul Organizer
Job description for Campaign Fellow



Erin Murphy ✨🔵
@epmurphymn



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Our campaign is expanding to take on the challenges of the last weeks of this election - we are looking for one full time organizer and a crew of part-time fellows. All positions pay \$20/hr.

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Erin Murphy ✨🔵 @epmurphymn · Sep 12



Replying to @epmurphymn

Please feel free to send these on to people you know who might be interested. Descriptions and instructions are below!

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Saint Paul Organizer Position Description

Reports to: Campaign Manager or Field Director

Compensation: \$3,200/mo salary + benefits

Through the 2020 General Election, Erin Murphy for State Senate will be working to keep Minnesota blue in statewide races, and to help create a State Senate majority that can take action on the urgent issues facing our state. To do so, the campaign is building a strong relational organizing program that will work to increase turnout across CD 4, recruit SD 64 volunteers to call Minnesotans across the state, and mobilize Erin's past base to support candidates in contested Senate races.

The **Saint Paul Organizer** will work across the city & 4th Congressional District to recruit and train volunteers to have values-based conversations with individualized lists of unlikely voters, to register new voters, and to engage communities & districts with a significant undervote.

Position Responsibilities:

- Register new voters and collect pledges to vote.
- Provide community leaders & residents with accurate information about early & absentee voting, and secure commitments to vote early or absentee.
- Build, train, and maintain a network of volunteers. Recruit building captains in targeted facilities. Recruit volunteers to assist community members with early voting, through translation assistance or transportation.
- Volunteer recruitment, management, & training; phone banking, texting, and using the Empower relational organizing app
- Track progress to goals and provide regular reports to campaign management.
- Support campaign events and activities as directed.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Connections or strong relationships in Saint Paul & Ramsey County.
- Preference for multilingual candidates, especially those proficient in Hmong, Spanish, and Somali.
- A strong commitment to DFL values and to electing DFLers up and down the ballot.
- Demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles and carry projects through to completion.
- Highly self-motivated and able to thrive in a fast paced environment.
- Applicants must have weekend and evening availability.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience using the VAN voter database.
- Experience using Google Suite.
- Past experience with campaign work or organizing.

Application Instructions: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with position hiring ASAP. Submit a statement of interest (not a full cover letter) & resume to info@murphyfor64.com. Please include the position for which you wish to be considered in the subject line.

Campaign Fellow Position Description

Reports to: Campaign Manager or Field Director

Compensation: Part time salaried based on \$20/hr and 20hr/week. Some weekend and evening hours required.

Through the 2020 General Election, Erin Murphy for State Senate will be working to keep Minnesota blue in statewide races, and to help create a State Senate majority that can take action on the urgent issues facing our state. To do so, the campaign is building a strong relational organizing program that will work to increase turnout across CD 4, recruit SD 64 volunteers to call Minnesotans across the state, and mobilize Erin's past base to support candidates in contested Senate races. Murphy Campaign Fellows will be an instrumental part of that work. Additionally, Erin's campaign is committed to growing our movement's organizing bench. As part of the Fellow program, participants will be provided training on campaign and organizing skills specific to their interests in order to better prepare them for future staff positions or significant volunteer roles.

New Majority Fellows will work to mobilize and recruit Murphy volunteers to get engaged in the election. Responsibilities & duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Volunteer recruitment, management, & training
- Managing direct voter contact events
- Conducting organizing 1-1s
- Liaising with other campaigns
- Data entry, turf cutting, and using the VAN database (no prior experience required)
- Phone banking, texting, and using the Empower relational organizing app

Relational Organizing Fellows will work across the 4th Congressional District to recruit and train volunteers to have values-based conversations with individualized lists of unlikely voters, to register new voters, and to engage communities & districts with a significant undervote. Responsibilities & duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Volunteer recruitment, management, & training
- Conducting organizing 1-1s
- Phone banking, texting, and using the Empower relational organizing app
- Representing the campaign at community events
- Data entry, list creation and management, and using the VAN database (no prior experience required)
- Voter registration
- Connections to or roots in Saint Paul or Ramsey County communities highly preferred
- Preference for multilingual candidates, especially those proficient in Hmong, Spanish, and Somali

Application Instructions: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with positions hiring ASAP. Submit a statement of interest (not a full cover letter) & resume to info@murphyfor64.com. Please include the program (or programs) for which you wish to be considered in the subject line.

 Erin Murphy ✨ Retweeted



Daniel Cox
@DanielAntonCox



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