



MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Jodi Paulsen		
Address	38125 US Hwy 75	Email address	jodesinaz@cox.net
City, state, and zip	Ortonville MN 56278	Telephone (Daytime)	4803304108

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	"concerned citizens of our tax dollars"
Address	unknown
City, state, zip	unknown
Title of respondent (If applicable)	unknown
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	unknown



Signature of person filing complaint

02/12/2025

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

10A.38

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

Recently, The Ortonville Independent, the local newspaper in Ortonville Minnesota published an advertisement that was paid for by "concerned citizens of our tax dollars" asking voters to vote no on a particular referendum. The advertisement did not include any names or addresses for this supposed PAC. I can find no information about this PAC whatsoever, which makes me question if it is even a legal PAC in Minnesota.

This was published in it's print version and web version of this edition. I have included the web address below and will also include a print copy of the screen capture for your consideration.

https://www.ortonvilleindependent.com/Vote_No.html

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website. Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed. The Board chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 60 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.

Vote No

VOTE
NO

February 11th
Ortonville Armory

\$36,000,000 School Tax Referendum

- 26 year property tax assessment
- Will cost many local businesses \$50 to \$100 thousand dollars
- Local taxes have skyrocketed already with street assessments, wheel tax, other school referendums
- Additional school operating funding likely in the next 26 years
- Decreased enrollment (down 40 students from 2019-2024)
- The district hasn't curbed spending with the coming deficit
- The district has a higher percentage of capital outlay compared to neighboring districts
- Many citizens are on a fixed income
- Too much focus on sports rather than academics
- This \$36 million dollar referendum would strain our local economy

Independent School District No. 2903 (Ortonville Public Schools), Minnesota

Paid for by concerned citizens of our tax dollars