



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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April 24, 2024

Charles Hanna
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Republican Party of Milwaukee County
801 S. 108th St.
West Allis, WI 53202

Sent via email: kag@lcojlaw.com

**Re: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission
EL 24-39 (Charles Hanna et al. v. Claire Woodall et al.)**

Dear Mr. Hanna and the Republican Party of Milwaukee County:

I am in receipt of the complaint filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission (Commission), received on April 10, 2024, against Claire Woodall, Executive Director of the City of Milwaukee Election Commission, and against the City of Milwaukee Election Commission itself. The administrative rules governing the Commission's processing of complaints require that I review the complaint and determine within 10 business days whether the complaint is timely, is sufficient as to form, and states probable cause. Wis. Admin. Code § EL 20.04(1).

While I find your complaint to be timely and states allegations that could lead to a finding of probable cause, I also find that your complaint is not sufficient as to form, in part, with respect to Complainant Republican Party of Milwaukee County. Therefore, I am partially returning the complaint to you without prejudice pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06 and Wis. Admin. Code § EL 20.04(1) and (2). **I am accepting the complaint with respect to the allegations brought by Complainant Charles Hanna.**

Wis. Stat. § 5.06(1) states, in part, that:

Whenever any elector of a jurisdiction or district served by an election official believes that a decision of the official or the failure of the official to act with respect to any matter concerning nominations, qualifications of candidates, voting qualifications, including residence, ward division and numbering, recall, ballot preparation, election administration or conduct of elections is contrary to law, or the official has abused the discretion vested in him or her by law with respect to any such matter, the elector may file a written sworn complaint with the commission requesting that the official be required to conform his or her conduct to the law, be restrained from taking any action inconsistent with the law or be required to correct any action or decision inconsistent with the law or any abuse of the discretion vested in him or her by law.

(Emphasis added).

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Your complaint is not sufficient as to form for two reasons: (1) an entity or organization cannot be an “elector”; and (2) even if an entity or organization can be an elector, the Republican Party of Milwaukee County is not an elector of the jurisdiction served by Director Woodall or the City of Milwaukee Election Commission. An entity or organization cannot be an elector because it cannot ever meet the qualifications of § 6.02—an entity or organization cannot register to vote or cast a ballot for any race in this state. Even if an entity or organization could be an elector, the address you provided indicates that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County operates from an office in West Allis, which is not a jurisdiction served by Director Woodall or the City of Milwaukee Elections Commission. Accordingly, the Republican Party of Milwaukee County cannot be a complainant of a § 5.06 complaint.

Conclusion

I am partially returning the complaint, without prejudice, with respect to Complainant Republican Party of Milwaukee County pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § EL 20.04(2), as it is not sufficient as to form with respect to this complainant. **However, the complaint is sufficient as to form with respect to Complainant Charles Hanna, so it will be accepted with respect to his allegations only.**

I have specified the defects in the complaint (form). Since Complainant Republican Party of Milwaukee County is an entity or organization that cannot be an elector, this is not a deficiency that can be cured for this complainant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Wolfe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'W'.

Meagan Wolfe
Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission

cc: Members, Wisconsin Elections Commission