



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Re: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission
David Strange v. Wisconsin Green Party – EL 24-82

Dear Mr. Strange,

I am in receipt of the complaint filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission (“the Commission”), received on August 14, 2024, against the Wisconsin Green Party. 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 to form. Therefore, I am returning the complaint to you without prejudice pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06 and Wis. Admin. Code § EL 20.04(1) and (2).

Your complaint is not sufficient as to form because it does not name an election official as a respondent, which is a requirement of Wis. Stat. § 5.06(1) (“Whenever an elector of a jurisdiction or district served by an election official...” (Emphasis added). An election official means “an individual who is charged with any duties relating to the conduct of an election.” Wis. Stat. § 5.02(4e). Political parties do not meet the definition of an election official under Wis. Stat. § 5.02(4e). Your complaint does not state allegations, or include any argument, that the Wisconsin Green Party is an election official pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06(1).

I am returning the complaint, without prejudice, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § EL 20.04(2), as it is not sufficient as to form. I have specified the defects in the complaint (form). Since a political party cannot be an election official, this is not a deficiency that can be cured.

Accordingly, the Commission now considers this complaint to be disposed of pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06(2).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

Wisconsin Elections Commissioners

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