



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Kaitlyn Bernarde
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Sent via email to: kaitlyn.bernarde@wausauwi.gov, kody.hart2@ci.wausau.wi.us,
maryanne.groat@wausauwi.gov

Re: Complaint Filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission:
(EL 24-108) Marie and Steven Schmidt v. Kaitlyn Bernarde, Kody Hart, and Maryanne Groat

Dear Ms. Bernarde, Mr. Hart, and Ms. Grant:

Attached to the email transmitting this notice, please find a sworn Wisconsin Statute § 5.06 complaint filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission (Commission) by Marie and Steven Schmidt. The complaint alleges violations related to the City of Wausau's drop box practices.

Individuals that believe the actions of an election official were contrary to an election law or were an abuse of discretion in applying an election law may file a complaint with the Commission. As Respondents, you may now provide a sworn written response to the complaint within 13 business days of the date appearing on this letter, which is **November 11, 2024**. Your response should address the allegations raised in the complaint.

After you file your response, the Complainant may file a reply within 13 business days of the date that the Commission transmits your response to the Complainant. Once all allowable filings have been received, the Commission staff will review the information and draft a decision letter for the Commission's consideration and decision at an upcoming meeting.

You may file your response via email addressed to brandon.hunzicker@wisconsin.gov and elections@wi.gov so long as it is clear that the original document has in fact been sworn before an individual that can administer oaths, like a notary public. You may also file the response via regular mail to the address listed in the header above. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 608-267-0714.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon Hunzicker".

Brandon Hunzicker
Staff Attorney
WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Cc: Meagan Wolfe, Commission Administrator

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