

Dear Public Disclosure Commission:

I write in response to the complaint filed on October 16, 2018 by MaryAnn Ottinger. Below are detailed responses to each item of the complaint:

First – the complaint argues that the Citizens for Judicial Excellence “provided extra campaign advertising for Maralyn Chase who is running for reelection to the State Senate in the 32nd District.” This is not true. The Citizens for Judicial Excellence did no activity in support of the Maralyn Chase campaign.

Second – the complaint claims that the lines on our C4 report from October 16, 2018 should have included the quantities of several lines of “mailing design/printing” and “voter pamphlet printing and design” work. These lines were listed as debts on the October 16th C4 report and were not required to list the quantities at that point. When the first was an expense it was reported on a C6 report with the appropriate level of detail (including quantity). Similarly, the second debt was reported on C4 & C6 reports with the increase in detail once they had been paid & were expenses.

Finally – the complaint lists Melissa Pfeifer as the committee Treasurer, but the Committee Treasurer is Gayle Brandon-Behrend as listed on the Committee’s C1 report.

We contact the Public Disclosure Commission staff whenever questions or concerns arise, and we always strive to file impeccably accurate compliance reports. The complaint filed against the campaign is inaccurate and alleges wrongdoing where none exists.

We respectfully ask that you dismiss the complaint filed by MaryAnn Ottinger.

Sincerely,

Melissa Pfeifer