

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT**

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer: Michael Krause

Address: 433 S. 7th Street, Suite 2025
Minneapolis, MN 55415

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Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about: Minneapolis Democrats
for Truth

Address: 726 S. 10th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Title of Respondent: Unknown

Board/Department/Agency/District: Legislative district 59B

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE &
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD



Signature of person filing complaint

August 26, 2012

Date

Give the statute cite of the portion of Chapter 10A or Minn Rules you believe has been violated: 10A.14 Failure of an association to register as and independent expenditure committee and promptly report an independent expenditure of greater than \$1,000.

Nature of complaint

On Saturday, August 11 and Monday, August 13, many likely DFL Primary voters (estimated at about 3,000 individuals in total) received two negative attack mail pieces paid for by "Minneapolis Democrats for Truth". In addition many voters received negative phone calls that appeared to originate from a professional phone bank on the three evenings preceding the election date of Tuesday, August 14. It is my understanding that Vicki Moore (Former Vice-Chair of AFSCME Local 34) serves as the Chair and Chris Stinson (Current Organizing Director of OutFront Minnesota) serves as the Treasurer of "Minneapolis Democrats for Truth" located at 726 South 10th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

On this same day, the same list of voters received two mailings paid for by Labor Unions AFSCME & MAPE (who endorsed another candidate in the 59B race) that all shared the same bulk postage permit, # 8314, indicating that these four items were part of a coordinated bulk mailing. Moreover, three of the four literature piece mailings contained identical font, wording-style, and layout.

Subdivision 5 of Minnesota's campaign finance and public disclosure statutes requires that any contribution from one source totaling \$1,000 or more that is given after the last day covered in the last campaign finance report must be reported within 24 hours. Mailings of this physical quality and quantity almost certainly cost more than \$1,000. Minneapolis Democrats for Truth filed for registration on August 7, 2012 and sent out the mailing shortly thereafter. However, no information was filed on the Campaign Finance Website <http://www.cfbreport.state.mn.us/rptViewer/viewRptsNotices.php> within 24 hours or, to my knowledge, has been filed since the Primary Election.

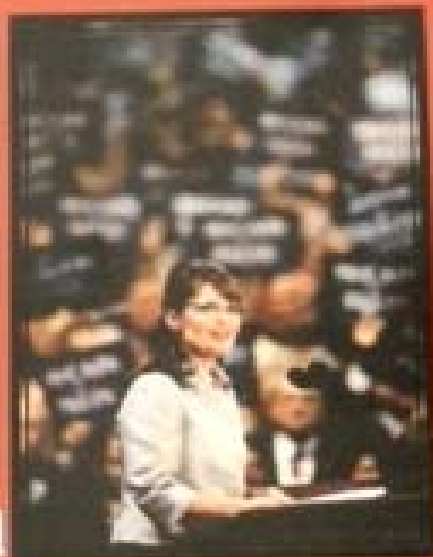
For the record, the Alexander campaign does not necessarily believe that an additional round of phone calls in the nature of "push polling" during this same period was conducted by this group. The phone calls seemed much more targeted to the campaign's supporters, were less professional in nature and all of the callers had blocked numbers. Most women who reported the calls to the Alexander campaign said they were called by a woman who said: "Would you vote for Ian Alexander if you knew he cheated on his wife?" while men were asked: "Would you vote for Ian Alexander if someone told you he didn't pay his taxes?" The callers hung up right after the question was asked.

It is unclear from any of the public records who may have paid for these phone calls or whether the cost of the calls in the aggregate exceeded any of the limits in the campaign spending and disclosure statutes. Also for the record, Ian Alexander, the candidate in question, is divorced but stated he never cheated on his former wife and he has not been delinquent on any taxes owing to the state or federal government.

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someone**



**who helped
make THIS happen?**



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VOTE FOR
DEMOCRAT
Tuesday, Aug

Minneapolis Democrats for Truth
726 S 10th St
Minneapolis, MN 55404



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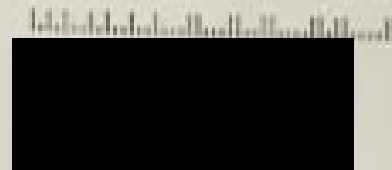
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(Source: MN Campaign Report, 3/2012)

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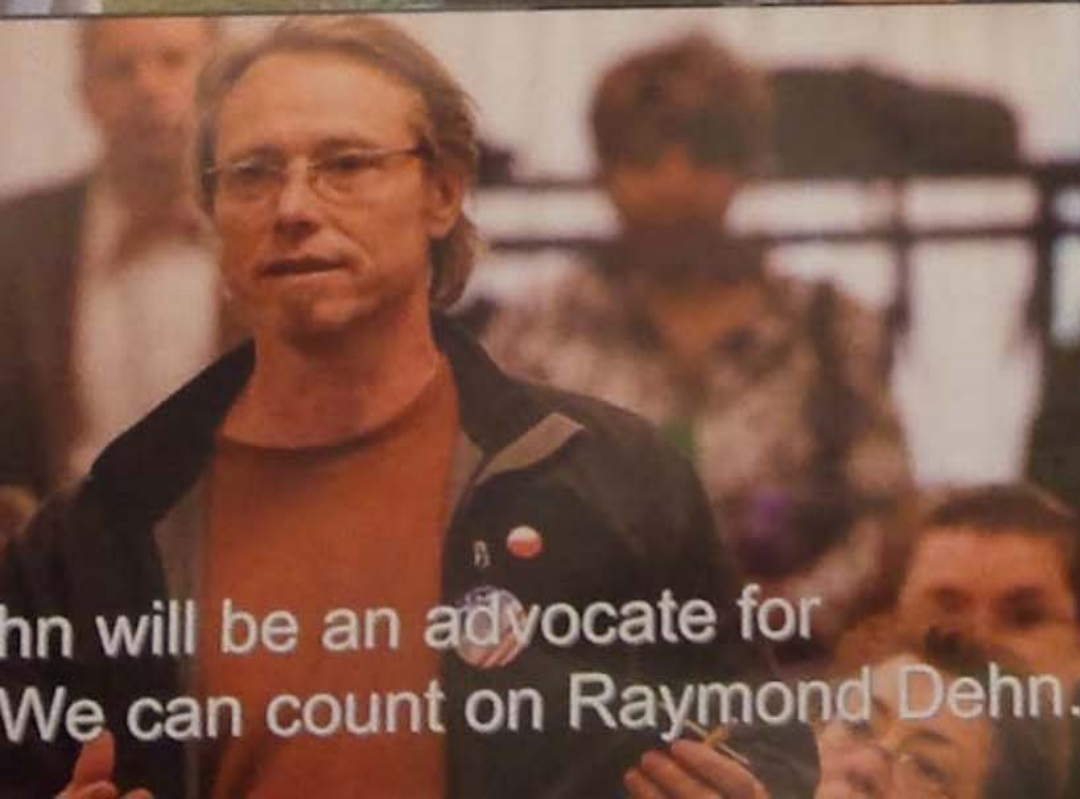




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for Raymond Dehn.



Minneapolis Democrats want
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John will be an advocate for
We can count on Raymond Dehn.

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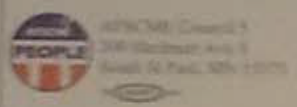
Congressman Keith Ellison is supporting Raymond Dehn, because he knows Ray is a problem solver, not just a talker. Ray is an impassioned community organizer who won't give up until we make change.

While some candidates were working for the Republican Party, **Raymond Dehn** elected President Barack Obama.

Raymond Dehn will use his organizing skills to help suburban legislators to bring the best to our community.

State Representative
August 14th

and paid for by AFSCME MN PEOPLE
726 South 10th St, South St. Paul, MN
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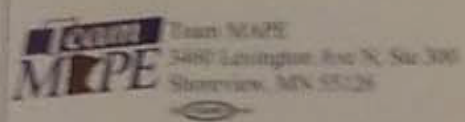
Raymond Dehn has a strong record of leadership for Minneapolis. Ray is a community organizer and he is dedicated to strengthening community.

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Raymond Dehn will protect our interests we count on and will work to ensure benefits all of us.

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