

Complaint Form
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City of Santa Fe
Ethics & Campaign Review Board

Date: 4/7/2017

1. Name of person and/or group charged with alleged violation. Rio Grande Foundation,
Paul Gessing, President

2. Please explain briefly the nature of the alleged violation. Failure to comply with
City Ordinances regarding campaigning and elections as per
Asst City Attorney Zachary Shumler

3. Please state which specific provision(s) or part(s) of the Code of Ethics or Election Code you believe have been violated. Chapter 10 Election and Political
Campaign Code
specifically with regard to 9-2 and 9-3 of City Code

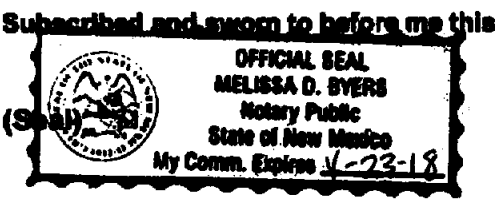
4. Please state the facts you have regarding the violations, including:
the date(s) 4/3/17 to the present
the time(s) all times therein
the place(s) Santa Fe
people involved Rio Grande Fdn & Paul Gessing and others
other facts not known to me.
Mr. Gessing was quoted in the New Mexican as urging to

5. Are there any witnesses to the violation who are willing to confirm your charge?
Please list with addresses, phone numbers and what they know. comply with the election laws of Santa Fe.
Daniel Chacon, secretary
in New Mexican

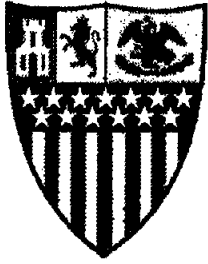
6. Attach documentation of actual evidence you have to support your complaint, to this form.
7. What is your name? Edward T. Bistrom
8. Address? 3172 Plaza Alamosa Zip Code 87507
9. Telephone Number? 312560-1686 Work: Retired
10. Email Address? EBistrom-cvfw.com@gmail.com

Received on: April 7 20 17
By: Melissa D. Byers
City Clerk's Office

To the best of my knowledge, the above statements are true and complete.
Edward T. Bistrom
Signature



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of April 20 17
Melissa D. Byers
Notary Public



City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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April 6, 2017

Paul Gessing
Rio Grande Foundation
P.O. Box 40336
Albuquerque, N.M., 87196

by letter and email pgessing@riograndefoundation.org

Re: City Campaign Code Section 9-2

Dear Mr. Gessing:

In 2015, the City Council adopted changes to the City Campaign Code, Section 9-2.6 ("Independently Sponsored Campaign Communications and Reporting"). I have enclosed a copy for your review. Based on information in your press release, it appears your organization has spent more than \$250, on broadcast advertisements referring to a ballot proposition, which have reached more than 100 eligible voters. If so, your organization must file a campaign finance statement. The next reporting date is Friday, April 7, 2017. Please contact the City Clerk's office immediately to obtain the CD disk needed to file the campaign finance statement. If you disagree, please contact the City Clerk's office immediately **in writing** to explain why you believe your organization is exempt from Section 9-2.6.

Sincerely,

Zachary Shandler
Assistant City Attorney

Enclosure

Cc: Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk



Via U.S. Mail and E-Mail

Zachary Shandler
Assistant City Attorney
City of Santa Fe
200 Lincoln Avenue
PO Box 909
Santa Fe, NM 87504-0909

Re: April 6, 2017 Letter Concerning City Campaign Code Section 9-2

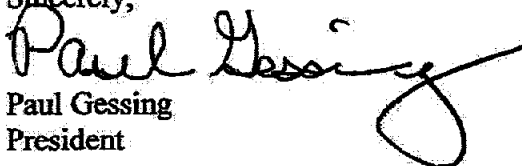
Dear Mr. Shandler:

I have received a letter from your office to the Rio Grande Foundation, dated April 6, 2017. Thank you for writing me concerning our potential reporting obligations under Santa Fe's campaign finance ordinance.

We take our reporting obligations seriously and wish to comply as required by law. This is a complicated area, so we are carefully reviewing our records to determine whether we have crossed the reporting threshold of section 9-2.6. After our initial review, we do not believe that we have. However, if during the course of our review we learn that we have crossed the threshold, we will immediately comply with all of our reporting obligations. We expect to complete our review by April 14, 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Paul Gessing
President

AMENDMENT TO
Complaint Form

CASE # 2017-4A

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DATED 4/7/17

Date:

4/13/17

City of Santa Fe
Ethics & Campaign Review Board

- Name of person and/or group charged with alleged violation. Rio Grande Foundation, aka No Way Santa Fe & Paul Gessine President
- Please explain briefly the nature of the alleged violation. The charged party or parties have continued to violate Santa Fe's Election Code by trying to influence the May 2 election without filing the proper papers
- Please state which specific provision(s) or part(s) of the Code of Ethics or Election Code you believe have been violated. Chapter IX Election and Political Campaign Codes specifically with regards to 9-2 and 19-31 of City Code
- Please state the facts you have regarding the violations, including:
 the date(s) 4/13/17 and continuing
 the time(s) all times during
 the place(s) Santa Fe
 people involved Rio Grande, No Way Santa Fe, Loren & Paul Gessine
 other facts Attached is ~~to~~ No Way... reference to Rio Grande Foundation as a project, No reference in the You-Tube Ad - see attached
- Are there any witnesses to the violation who are willing to confirm your charge? Please list with addresses, phone numbers and what they know. Yes. Everyone who has seen the You-Tube Campaign Ad
- Attach documentation of actual evidence you have to support your complaint, to this form.
- What is your name? Edward T. Stein
- Address? 3172 Plaza Blanca Zip Code 87507
- Telephone Number? 312 562 1986 Work: Retired
- Email Address? etstein.crlw.com @ gmail.com

Received on: April 13 2017

By: Yolande Y. Wigil
City Clerk's Office

To the best of my knowledge, the above statements are true and complete.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April 2017

(Seal)

Yolande Y. Wigil
Notary Public

No Way Santa Fe is a project of the Rio Grande Foundation. Contact us at Info@RioGrandeFoundation.org or (505) 264-6090.



edward t stein <etstein.crlw.com@gmail.com>

Fwd: New from the Rio Grande Foundation

1 message

Morty Simon <simon@santafe-newmexico.com>
To: Ted Stein <etstein.crlw.com@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 13, 2017 at 12:27 PM

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Sandra Wechsler <sandrawechsler@gmail.com>
Date: 4/13/17 12:10 PM (GMT-07:00)
To: Carol and Morty <simon@santafe-newmexico.com>
Subject: Fwd: New from the Rio Grande Foundation

note that there is no disclaimer on this video, but it is the rio grande foundation's project playing in the election

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PLxWJwxuQqo>