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OFFICIAL COMPLAINT FORM

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HAND DELIVERED

Section 105.957, RSMo states that the Commission shall receive any complaints alleging violations of the provisions of:

- 1) The requirements imposed on lobbyists by section 105.470 to 105.478;
2) The financial interest disclosure requirements contained in sections 105.483 to 105.492;
3) The campaign finance disclosure requirements contained in chapter 130, RSMo;
4) Any code of conduct promulgated by any department, division or agency of state government, or by state institutions of higher education, or by executive order;
5) The conflict of interest laws contained in sections 105.450 to 105.467 and section 171.181, RSMo; and
6) The provisions of the constitution or state statute or order, ordinance or resolution of any political subdivision relating to the official conduct of officials or employees of the state and political subdivisions.

This complaint shall contain all the facts known to the person bringing the complaint that give rise to the complaint.

This complaint shall be sworn to under penalty of the crime of perjury.

Within 5 days of receipt of this complaint, the Commission will send a copy of this complaint, including the name of the person bringing this complaint, to the person, organization or campaign committee against whom the complaint is brought.

Note: According to Missouri State Law, the Commission shall dismiss any complaint which is frivolous in nature, as lacking any basis in fact or law. Any person who submits a frivolous complaint shall be liable for actual and compensatory damages to the alleged violator for holding the alleged violator before the public in a false light. A finding by the Commission that a complaint is frivolous or without probable cause shall be a public record.

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PART 1 - PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

NAME: James T Rooney DATE OF COMPLAINT: 9/10/18
ADDRESS: 306 Summerset Drive
CITY: Weston STATE: MO COUNTY: Platte ZIP: 64098
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER/S: (HOME) (WORK) 913.684.5271 (CELL) 816.674.4268
TITLE OF OFFICE HELD OR SOUGHT (IF APPLICABLE):

PART 2 - ORGANIZATION OR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND INDIVIDUAL(S) OR POSITION(S) AGAINST WHOM

THIS COMPLAINT IS BEING BROUGHT AGAINST:

NAME: Northland Progress, Inc., Martin T. Rucker II, Blake Green, Michael Amash, Wes Rogers
ADDRESS: PO Box 14171
CITY: Parkville STATE: MO COUNTY: Platte ZIP: 64152
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER/S: (HOME) (816)294-6821 (WORK)
TITLE OF OFFICE HELD OR SOUGHT (IF APPLICABLE):
DATE OF ELECTION (IF APPLICABLE): CHECK ELECTION TYPE (IF APPLICABLE):
[] Primary [] General

VERIFICATION BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF PLATTE

I, JAMES T ROONEY being duly sworn upon oath and affirmation legally administered, certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information in this complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Complainant

TAMMY M THOMPSON
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI Expires: 8/21/2020
Commissioned for Platte County
My Commission Expires: August 21, 2020
Commission # 1000200

sworn to before me this 9th day of September, 2018

Notary Public

PART 3 - STATEMENT OF FACTS:

State in your own words the detailed facts and the actions of the candidate or organization named in part two which prompted you to make this complaint. The space provided below is not intended to limit your statement of facts. Please use additional sheets if necessary. Include relevant dates and times, and the names and addresses of other persons whom you believe have knowledge of the facts and attach hereto copies of any documentary evidence that supports the facts alleged in the complaint.

Please check the box next to the area that the complaint concerns.

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PLEASE STATE THE FACTS BELOW:

See attached addendum for Complaint.

YES Are any of the matters alleged by you the subject of civil or criminal litigation? If yes, please provide the county and case number if known by you.

NO

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COMPLAINT BEFORE THE MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

RESPONDENTS Northland Progress, Inc.; Blake Green; Martin T. Rucker; Wes Rogers; Michael Amash

SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

*A group of Northwest Missouri activists, co-founded by a Democrat candidate for state senate, formed and run an **unregistered** dark money “nonprofit” corporation called Northland Progress Inc. **Northland Progress directly benefits its own members** (several of whom are candidates for office) **by making undisclosed expenditures and contributions** in support of Missouri ballot initiatives and candidates and by endorsing Democrats for office.*

*Northland Progress, through its leadership, effectively acts as a shadow Democratic party organization for Northwest Missouri's liberal candidates and liberal statewide causes. Northland Progress has **brazenly operated without registering as a political committee** with the MEC. In failing to do so, Northland Progress has violated the law by operating in several election cycles without disclosing its spending, donors, political activity, or amount of contributions. The group was formed and operated to circumvent Missouri campaign finance and disclosure rules—allowing the group's corporate spending on behalf of Democrat causes and candidates to go unseen, even as it coordinated with candidates who served as the group's directors and made spending decisions on behalf of Northland Progress to advocate for their campaigns.*

The group and its officers and directors, who admit publicly their organization is a “shadowy nonprofit” that doesn't “disclose its high-powered donors,” along with their corporate sponsors, have knowingly and repeatedly violated Missouri law requiring continuing political committees to register and report to the MEC. The group's undisclosed political activities, including its planned advocacy in advance of the November 2018 election, jeopardize its tax-exempt status with the IRS and violate Missouri law.

Based on the facts outlined in this Complaint and its supporting documents, the MEC should:

- investigate Northland Progress and its officers and directors, inspecting its books and records;
- find Northland Progress and its directors in violation of state law for failing to register and file committee statements of organization and reports disclosing their committee activity on behalf of candidates and ballot initiatives,
- require Northland Progress and its directors to pay a fine and associated penalties as the law requires,
- bar Northland Progress and its directors from further political activity related to the November 2018 Missouri elections, as it has not registered as a political committee within 60 days of the election as required by law, and
- alert the Attorney General and any other applicable local prosecuting authority to possible instances of charity fraud under Missouri law.

FACTS

1. Following the November 2016 election of President Donald Trump, Parkville, Missouri resident Blake Green was “[f]ired up” and went to the next meeting of the Platte County Democratic Central Committee. There, Green met Martin T. Rucker II, who had just lost his race for Missouri House District 14 as a Democrat. **Ex. A.**
2. Green and Rucker “got together a week after the meeting and discussed Rucker’s race and the state of the politics in the Northland.” **Ex. A.**
3. Rucker told the Pitch KC magazine that he and Green “really agreed right off the bat that it would be very useful to create some kind of organization that could show people in the Northland how these policies being drawn up in Jeff City are affecting them.” **Ex. A.**
4. On December 5, 2016, Rucker and Green formed Northland Progress, Inc. The group filed Articles of Incorporation with the Missouri Secretary of State as a public benefit corporation (nonprofit) listing a registered agent and incorporators. **Ex. B.**
5. The Articles of Incorporation list Northland Progress's official purpose as:

To act as a grassroots organization of citizens dedicated to the improvement of this society by advocating for educational, health, civic, environmental, charitable, and economic progress, or any other matter which may be deemed to promote the general welfare of Missouri, including with particularity the counties of Platte, Clay, Buchanan and Ray (hereinafter the "Northland"), to inform the public about legislation and legislative actions impacting the people of the Northland; to oppose all legislation that is harmful to the interests of the people of the Northland; to encourage and promote all legislation beneficial to the people of the Northland; to conduct any lawful business or activities related to the above purposes, to engage in any lawful activity for which a nonprofit corporation may be organized under Chapter 355 of the Revised Statutes (sic) of Missouri."

Ex. B.

6. Northland Progress holds itself out as a tax exempt 501(c)(4) corporation, or, as its founder Green referred to it during a public event held following the 2017 legislative session, a “shadowy nonprofit 501c4.”

Green: “Greitens' shadowy nonprofit "A New Missouri" is a 501c4 just like Northland Progress is. And there are similarities between the two organizations. Because Greitens has probably received millions of dollars in undisclosed donations from billionaires like casino owner Sheldon Adelson, and I begged my neighbor Mike for a few hundred dollars to buy T-shirts.”

Rucker: “Greitens received millions of dollars from unknown sources. But we don't disclose all of our high-powered donors either!”¹

¹ Northland Progress "Mo Sessions Mo Problems Event," livestream available at: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthlandProgress/videos/309865149454258/> (quotes at 34 minute mark)

7. On a disclosure form filed with the Missouri Secretary of State, Northland Progress listed as its officers Democrat candidates for state office and other individuals who have held leadership roles on Democrat campaigns for state office in the Northland. **Ex. C.**
8. The report lists co-founder Rucker, then a declared Democrat candidate for state senate, under both the "Officers" heading—as Northland Progress’s Vice President—and as a member of the Board of Directors, with his official address listed as Northland Progress's address of incorporation (Green’s law office). **Ex C.**
9. The officers and directors of Northland Progress are experienced political operatives, having running Democrat campaigns and filing necessary paperwork with the Missouri Ethics Commission. Several are practicing attorneys.
10. These directors and officers include Northland Progress Vice President Martin Rucker (member of the Board of Directors, current Democrat candidate for state Senate, Dist. 34), President Blake Green (attorney and policy director for Mitch Weber, Democrat candidate for HD 18), Secretary Wes Rogers (former campaign manager for Rucker's unsuccessful bid as a Democrat for HD 14, and current Democrat candidate for HD 18), and Treasurer Mike Amash (labor attorney and volunteer for "Vote No on Prop A").

OFFICERS		BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS (P.O. BOX ALONE NOT ACCEPTABLE). MUST LIST PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY BELOW		NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS (P.O. BOX ALONE NOT ACCEPTABLE). MUST LIST AT LEAST THREE DIRECTORS BELOW	
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Green, Blake 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350	<u>NAME</u>	Green, Blake 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350
STREET		STREET	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kansas City MO 64102	CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kansas City MO 64102
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Rogers, Wes 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350	<u>NAME</u>	Amash, Michael 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350
STREET		STREET	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kansas City MO 64102	CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kansas City MO 64102
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	Rucker, Martin 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350	<u>NAME</u>	Green, Melissa 1600 Genessee St. Ste. 350
STREET		STREET	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kansas City MO 64102	CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kansas City MO 64102
<u>TREASURER</u>	Amash, Michael 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350	<u>NAME</u>	Rucker, Martin 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350
STREET		STREET	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kansas City MO 64102	CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kansas City MO 64102

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL OTHER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE ATTACHED

Ex. C.

11. On January 4, 2017, less than a month after Northland Progress, Inc. was incorporated, Rucker formed a committee to support his candidacy as a Democrat running for State Senate District 34, representing Platte and Buchanan Counties.
12. Rucker's first campaign finance report filed in April 2017 listed no contributions received other than the \$4,194.44 he transferred from his state representative campaign. **Ex. D.**
13. Just a few weeks after he and Green formed Northland Progress, Rucker used his leftover campaign money as seed money to start the group, spending a quarter of his cash on hand, \$1,000, to Northland Progress, for a "donation," on December 30, 2016. **Ex. D.**

14. Having declared his candidacy for state senate, it is unclear why Rucker contributed a thousand dollars into his “dark money” group, and why his “dark money” group failed to register as a political committee with the MEC despite its advocacy and involvement in Missouri campaigns and ballot initiatives.
15. Rucker’s involvement with Northland Progress, from its founding and use of his campaign dollars to host undisclosed events and advocacy on his behalf, is the subject of a separate MEC complaint filed today.²
16. Rucker and Green, through Northland Progress, began selling membership (at tiered levels and corporate sponsorships, from \$35 to \$500) and holding events.

The image shows a membership tier chart for Northland Progress. At the top, the 'Lifetime Member' tier is listed with a price of '\$500+'. Below this, a list of benefits includes: 'Continuation Lifetime Membership', 'Ultra-soft NP baseball tee', 'Influence NP agenda through annual questionnaire', 'Priority invitation to all NP events', and 'Northland Progress bumper sticker'. A 'JOIN TODAY!' button is positioned below the benefits. At the bottom, three other membership tiers are shown: 'Student Member' for '\$20', 'Annual Member' for '\$35', and 'Sustaining Member' for '\$150'. Each of these lower tiers has the word 'Contribution' written in small text below the price.

17. The group’s first event, Stand Up for Progress, drew 300 attendees in February 2017 and featured Martin Rucker as the emcee, where he referenced his campaign and introduced the keynote speaker, the Chair of the Missouri Democrat Party, Stephen Webber.³



² Rucker’s involvement as a candidate raises significant questions about whether Northland Progress, Inc. has violated federal law requiring nonprofit corporations to benefit the public, and not inure to private benefit to its members or officers. This is also the subject of a separate, forthcoming complaint with the IRS.

³ http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/northland-progress-plans-to-build-on-interest/article_9e0b3f84-2269-575e-8f29-b61f114d06f8.html (“The organization’s first event, held in February at the Screenland Armour Theatre meeting space, drew more than 300 people. “It was standing-room only. It was streaming live, and people were able to watch in different venues, as well,” Rucker said. “So there is a lot of interest.”)

18. In advance of this first meeting, Martin Rucker sent an email to his campaign listserv advising them of his formation of the group and inviting his supporters to become members.
19. Rucker used an email signature directing recipients to both Northland Progress and his candidate campaign website RuckerforMissouri.com (which remained active after his loss for state representative and was converted shortly after to advertise for his campaign for state senate).
20. Rucker wrote:

All,

Last time you heard from me I shared with you a quote that will guide me going forward: "Never stop believing that fighting for what's right is worth it." As I reflected on what I learned from my first campaign, two hard-learned lessons stuck out...

1) Most people are uninformed on the issues
2) Most people don't care about an issue until they understand how the issue will affect them.

With that in mind, I pondered how to become a source of real information without being "that guy" who is shouting about conspiracies and just adding to the noise. Since then, I and a few like-minded people have formed Northland Progress. Northland Progress is a grassroots effort supporting the adoption of practical, forward-thinking policies. Northland Progress was created to inform voters on local and statewide issues that will affect their lives, to help progressives connect for a common purpose, and to advocate for policies that will lead to the continued advancement and long-term prosperity.

Our very first event — our launch event, if you will — is this Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 6:30 p.m., at Screenland **Armour** Theatre (408 **Armour** Rd, North Kansas City, MO 64116). We have speakers coming to talk about what to expect from our state legislature regarding a variety of important topics, how they relate to you, and how to take action. The program won't be long, but it will be efficient!

I'm still fighting for what's right, and I want you to keep fighting too. I've attached a flyer detailing the event. I look forward to seeing you there!

God bless

Martin T. Rucker II
Rucker For Missouri
P.O. Box 681313
Riverside, MO 64168
www.ruckerformissouri.com

For more information, visit northlandprogress.org.

STAND UP FOR PROGRESS

Meet and Greet 6:30 P.M.
Event 7:00 P.M.

408 ARMOUR ROAD
North Kansas City, MO 64116

NORTHLAND PROGRESS PRESENTS

The Way Forward
Stephen Archer, New Chair of Missouri Democratic Party, USMC Veteran of the Iraq War

Public School Funding
Christy Young, Field Services Manager, Missouri National Education Association

Roads, Bridges & Infrastructure
David Slater, Local Transportation Policy & Highway Commissioner, Mid-America Regional Council; Rezwan Sabay, Mayor, Sheldahl, Iowa Engineer, MUSEOF

Wages & Our Working Economy
Gail Truitt, President, Greater Kansas City AFL-CIO

Environment, Economy & Community
Kristen Ruhl, Executive Director, Bridging the Gap

Pollution & Alternative Energy
Bridgette, Energy Link, Green Club

Please RSVP and/or seek more info on
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or email info@northlandprogress.org

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21. After Rucker and Green founded Northland Progress just weeks after Rucker's loss, the group began hosting events showcasing Democrat officials, from Jason Kander and Stephen Webber to Nicole Galloway.
22. At the close of the 2017 legislative session, Rucker and Green co-hosted an event billed "Mo Sessions Mo Problems," where they spoke to hundreds in the audience about legislative action, giving Rucker a platform to discuss his campaign and critique Republicans, including the state Senator he sought to replace.
23. Democrat State Auditor Nicole Galloway was the evening's keynote speaker.
24. It was during this event that Rucker and Green referred to Northland Progress as a "shadowy nonprofit" and joked about not disclosing the identities of their "high-powered donors."



25. Following the event, Green told local media that “There’s been a lot of press recently about dark money and non-profit organizations that are playing to politics, but there’s no dark hand or donor moving us along. This is truly grassroots,” Green said.⁴
26. The event was sponsored by various corporations. The group informed the media that the owners of the event venue, KC Improv, “did not charge for use of the venue.”⁵
27. Rucker also discussed his candidacy at these events, including making his official announcement at the Northland Progress first annual "In for Ten" Voting Rights Festival.
28. Northland Progress held the festival on August 26, 2017 in Parkville (Rucker's would-be district), and hundreds attended.
29. The event website showed multiple tiers of corporate sponsorships.

In For 10 Event Sponsors
Diamond Level
<i>UAW Local 249</i>
<i>International Brotherhood of Teamsters</i>
<i>I.A.T.S.E. Local 31</i>
<i>Vista Productions</i>
<i>Stockyards Brewery</i>
<i>Travois</i>
<i>Logboat Brewing Co.</i>
Platinum Level
<i>Teamsters Local Union No. 41</i>
<i>Teamsters Local Union No. 955</i>
<i>Teamsters Local Union No. 838</i>
<i>Teamsters Local Union No. 541</i>
Gold Level
<i>GPS Impact</i>

⁴ <http://www.plattecountycitizen.com/theplattecountycitizen/northland-progress-touts-ability-to-bring-information-to-local-voters3152017>

⁵ <http://www.plattecountycitizen.com/theplattecountycitizen/northland-progress-touts-ability-to-bring-information-to-local-voters3152017>

30. The “Are You In for 10” Website listed a lineup of Democrat officials and officeholders as speakers, included a campaign photo of Rucker from his official campaign website, and linked to his RuckerforMissouri.com site.



Martin T. Rucker II

Vice President and Board Member of Northland Progress.


<http://areyouinfor10.com/in-for-10/lineup/>

31. Kander and Green advertised the event as showcasing “Rising Stars in Politics.”
32. The group did not disclose that Rucker was its Vice President and a current candidate for office.
33. Rucker organized the In for 10 event, appeared on local television to promote it,⁶ and despite having never been elected to office, appeared as a featured speaker on the stage along with Jason Kander and several elected Democrat state representatives.⁷
34. Rucker’s candidate committee did not disclose the advertising or the event as an in-kind to his campaign, though he took the stage and told the crowd, to cheers, that he was running for State Senate to represent the 34th District (where the event was held).⁸
35. Though his campaign never reported the event, its advertising, literature, or attendee lists as in-kind contributions, Rucker took the opportunity to declare his candidacy for state senate as a Democrat in front of hundreds of Northland voters hosted by his own nonprofit, “dark money” corporation.

⁶ KC 41 Action News, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7l2eqiPoe4s>

⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPpFHAXqhsA>

⁸ <https://www.northlandprogress.org/happy-hour-better-kci-np-issues-news-spotlight-17-10-19-17/>

 **Lauren Hickey** @LibraryLaurenKC · 26 Aug 2017
Just heard @RuckerSouthSide announce his bid for Missouri senate at #Infor10



36. The Northland Progress-sponsored event gave a platform to Rucker, its Vice President and Founding Member, to declare his candidacy, creating an after-the-fact 'hype video' highlighting his announcement for partisan office (nothing to do with voting rights).
37. In the video, Rucker declared to the cheering crowd, "My name is Martin Rucker and I am running to be a Senator in the 34th District of the State of Missouri!" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPhFHAXqhsA> (1:34 min mark)


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 Northland Progress
IN FOR 10

38. Green later told supporters that at the "In for 10" event, organizers gathered hundreds of emails and signatures for ballot initiatives and signed up new members.

39. Rucker did not disclose the event's sponsorships, food, rental costs, or other expenses as in-kind contributions to his campaign.
40. Upon information and belief, Northland Progress co-founder and Vice President Martin Rucker has access to the group's membership and email lists, and has used them to benefit his campaign without disclosing their value to the MEC.



41. According to the newsletter of the Platte County Democratic Central Committee, which often posts updates and advertisements for Northland Progress events and advocacy, the group had “more than 400 paid members” as of February 2018.⁹
42. At even the lowest introductory membership rate for non-students at \$35 per person per year, Northland Progress has an annual operating budget of at least \$14,000 from dues alone, not including its corporate sponsorships and other donors, which are not required to be disclosed.
43. Northland Progress, while a 501(c)4 nonprofit, boasts of “support of several very generous community business partners,” and *accepts contributions from business corporations and labor organizations*, naming the following as “business partners”.

- BG Law
- Jocelyn Rivard, Keller Williams
- Cinder Block Brewery
- Screenland Armour Theatre
- Colony Espresso & Beer
- Kansas City Improv
- Rogers Law LLC
- Greater KC Building & Construction Trades Council
- Stockyards Brewing Co.
- United Auto Workers Local 249
- IATSE Local 31
- Travois
- I.A.M.A.W. Local Lodge 176
- Vista Productions
- Logboat Brewing Co.
- Teamsters Local 41
- Teamsters Local 541
- Teamsters Local 838
- Teamsters Local 955
- GPS Impact
- Wright Brothers Curbside Glass Recycling

⁹ <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/February-Newsletter-from-Platte-County-Democrats.html?soid=1102037602562&aid=12Dk2dlqcmU>

44. Less than a year after its founding, in October 2017, Northland Progress had raised enough money to support its hiring of an executive director, Jon Avery.
45. Green noted that the group's corporate sponsors were critical to being able to afford Avery's salary.¹⁰
46. In its first year and a half, Northland Progress spent money to support various Democrat candidates and liberal ballot initiatives, from graphics advertising endorsements to literature and palm cards to express "vote for Candidate X" advocacy.
47. Northland Progress has organized canvassing events to gather signatures for ballot initiatives bankrolled by Democrat donors, from "No on Prop A," to "Raise the Age" to "Clean Missouri."
48. It has published lawmaker scorecards and **endorsed** a Democrat for State Senate, Lauren Arthur, a month before her expensive election to replace Republican Ryan Silvey.
49. Northland Progress advocated on behalf of candidates in various forms, including through supportive Tweets for Rucker's candidacy for state Senate.



50. In addition, Northland Progress made expenditures to benefit Democrat candidates without disclosing those expenditures to the MEC, including palm cards and printed materials touting the group's endorsement of then-candidate Lauren Arthur (D) for State Senate, emblazoned with the words "Vote Arthur," and directing voters to Arthur's official campaign website. It also provided ground game support and canvassing for her.

¹⁰<https://www.facebook.com/NorthlandProgress/videos/vb.217038595403581/420250225082416/?type=2&theater>



51. Northland Progress's email and press release to the public announcing its endorsement of Arthur noted that it would be organizing canvassing efforts on her behalf:

Over the next five weeks, we will be organizing an independent canvassing effort to help raise awareness about the special election and to support Representative Arthur's campaign. If you are interested in volunteering with that effort please email us at info@northlandprogress.org (mailto:info@northlandprogress.org?subject=Special%20Election%20Canvassing).

Thank you,
Jon Avery
Executive Director

52. On May 22, 2018, then-candidate Arthur retweeted out a Northland Progress endorsement graphic containing the words, "Vote Arthur on June 5!" labeled "Candidate Comparison" listing red X marks next to the Republican candidate and green check marks next to Arthur. **Ex. E.**

Special Election for Missouri Senate
Candidate Comparison

Lauren Arthur	Kevin Corlew
Supports Medicaid expansion, utilizing telemedicine to reach underserved communities, and taking real steps to curb the opioid drug crisis in the state.	Voted against expanding access to health care through Medicaid, hurting families and hospitals across Missouri.
Supported employees across the state by voting to protect their higher wages, better benefits, and protections against discrimination in the workplace.	Voted to reduce the minimum wage and unemployment benefits for Kansas City's working families.
Understands the difference between fully funding a formula and actually providing adequate funding for our public schools.	Voted to reduce the K-12 funding formula by 100s of millions per year allowing the state to invest the minimum amount and still claim to be fully funding education.

VOTE Arthur on June 5

Paid for by Northland Progress, Mike Amash Treasurer
PO Box 14171 Parkville, MO 64162

53. Arthur approvingly tweeted Northland Progress's ad supporting her to her 5,000 followers, with the words, "My opponent, funded by corporate interests and billionaires- is circulating a slew of smears against my voting record, and he is attacking me personally. Here is the truth about where he and I stand."
54. Instead of disclosing the corporate paid-for advertisement and endorsement labeled "Vote Arthur" as made by a "dark money" corporation founded by fellow Democrat senate

- candidate Rucker, Arthur did not list the contribution on her behalf on her campaign finance report. Northland Progress never filed any reports about its spending for Arthur.
55. Upon information and belief, in the days leading up to the special election for the vacant state Senate seat, Northland Progress spent thousands of dollars on palm cards for Democrat candidate Arthur and organized volunteers to distribute them on her behalf, while never filing a disclosure report with the MEC.
 56. On the day of the June 6, 2018 special election for the state senate seat, Northland Progress held its second annual “Mo Sessions Mo Problems” event, where Green spoke about Rucker and his candidacy to the crowd.¹¹
 57. Northland Progress created donor lists, membership lists, targeted walk areas and lists for canvassing, all valuable items that would be required to be reported as contributions to candidates if used to support their candidacy.
 58. Upon information and belief, these expenditures and contributions were and are coordinated with the Northland Democrat candidates who serve or have served as directors and officers of the organization, including Rucker and Rogers.
 59. Upon information and belief, as Vice President and member of the board of directors. Rucker has advance knowledge of the ways Northland Progress resources will be used to support his campaign.
 60. Rucker failed to disclose his coordination with the corporation he helped co-found, though the corporation spent money to put on events where his candidacy was discussed and advocated for, including the “In for 10” event, the “Mo Sessions Mo Problems” events and the “Stand Up for Progress” events.
 61. Upon information and belief, Northland Progress intends to be active in the 2018 November general election for Democrat state representative candidates in Platte and Clay counties and for state senate in Platte and Buchanan counties, including by endorsing certain candidates, holding candidate forums open to Democrats, publishing candidate 'scorecards' that rank candidates, and by printing and distributing mail or palm card pieces containing advocacy like those it previously made and distributed for Arthur.
 62. On August 17, 2018, Northland Progress posted to social media that it had sent “2018 Missouri Legislative Candidate Questionnaires” in advance of the November 6 election.

¹¹ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_CfgoAERf8



63. Northland Progress has already been active collecting signatures and putting out public-facing communications advocating on behalf of various November ballot initiatives, including the tax increase for infrastructure (Prop D), the so-called "Clean Missouri" ballot initiative, and the minimum wage increase "Raise the Wage" initiative.
64. Northland Progress has advertised that it plans to host a "Fired Up! Meet the Candidates BBQ" on September 15 in Parkville in English Landing Park to showcase "some" of the candidates for office in November 2018. Upon information and belief, this event and its advertising, spending, and advocacy serves as an undisclosed in-kind campaign contribution to the narrow class of candidates invited and hosted at the event.
65. The ad and email for the event invite Northland residents to "get 'Fired Up' to join the fight to elect **candidates who share our values and vision** for the Northland!"¹²
66. Northland Progress has not disclosed any of its expenditures, contributions, or activities in support of or in opposition to any candidates or ballot initiatives.
67. Other groups in the Northland and around the state who conduct the same or similar political activities comply with the law by filing Statements of Committee Organization with the MEC and disclosure reports on their spending. (Even those in the same region, "Northland KC Leadership PAC," for example.)
68. Other 501(c)4 groups do the same, as required by law. For example, Missouri Club for Growth has a c4 and a PAC for political activity; Missouri Right to Life has a c3, a c4, and a PAC for its political activity; NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri has a PAC with the MEC, filing its statement of committee organization and regular disclosure reports.
69. Northland Progress has more than 400 paid members, is active in state races and ballot initiatives for Democrats and liberal causes, and even boasts that it is a 'dark money' group that doesn't disclose its donors, yet has not filed a statement of committee organization with the MEC or any required disclosures of its activities.

¹² <https://mailchi.mp/3973ad96c451/fired-up-meet-the-candidates-family-bbq>

70. At the time of filing, there were 902 active Political Action/Continuing Committees registered with the MEC, according to the MEC website and records.
71. Northland Progress is not among them.

MISSOURI LAW: POLITICAL COMMITTEES MUST REGISTER AND DISCLOSE, MAY ONLY MAKE UNCOORDINATED, INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

72. Missouri law requires entities or groups of people who support or oppose candidates or ballot measures to file committee statements of organization and periodic reports disclosing their committee activity, even if merely, incidental, related to politics in the state of Missouri.
73. The Missouri Ethics Commission then regulates the activities of that committee. Though 501(c)4s do not have to disclose their donors under federal law, those 501(c)4s involved in politics in Missouri, even incidentally, are required by law to register with the MEC and disclose their spending and activity.
74. The law applies even to loosely associated groups of like-minded individuals who pool their resources to support candidates. For example, in 2017, the MEC received a complaint and levied a fine against 28 people who purchased a \$2700 full-page ad supporting four incumbent judicial candidates for the November 2016 general election without forming a committee and disclosing the spending.
75. After an investigation, the MEC charged the respondents with failing to file a statement of committee organization and failing to disclose the spending on a 24-hour expenditure report. The 28 respondents admitted to violating the law and entered into a consent order with the MEC to pay a fine and stay further activity. *MEC v. Buchholz, et al*, Case No. 16-0113, I.
76. Section 130.011(7), RSMo, defines a committee as "a person or any combination of persons, who accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the primary or incidental purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee or for the purpose of contributing funds to another committee."
77. Section 130.011(22), RSMo, defines a person as an individual or group of individuals and section 130.011(10), RSMo, defines such a group as a continuing committee:

"a committee of continuing existence which is not formed, controlled or directed by a candidate, and is a committee other than a candidate committee or campaign committee, whose primary or incidental purpose is to receive contributions or make expenditures to influence or attempt to influence the action of voters whether or not a particular candidate or candidates or a particular ballot measure or measures to be supported or opposed has been determined at the time the committee is required to file any statement or report pursuant to the provisions of this chapter."

78. Under section 130.021(5), RSMo, a committee by virtue of the definitions of committee in section 130.011... shall file a statement of organization with the appropriate officer within twenty days after the person or organization becomes a committee but no later than the date for filing the first report required pursuant to the provisions of section 130.046.
79. A committee "shall file a statement of organization with the appropriate officer within twenty days after the person or organization becomes a committee but no later than the date for filing the first report required pursuant to the provisions of section 130.046." § 130.021.5, RSMo.
80. For continuing committees, the "appropriate officer" for filing reports and statements is the Missouri Ethics Commission and the election authority for the county in which the committee is domiciled. § 130.026.5(1), RSMo.
81. For purposes of Chapter 130, RSMo, an expenditure is "a payment, advance, conveyance, deposit, donation or contribution of money or anything of value for the purpose of an agreement or promise to pay, money or anything of value ... for the purchase of goods, services, property, facilities or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing , , , the qualification or passage of any ballot measure." § 130.011(16), RSMo.
82. A continuing committee "shall be formed no later than sixty days prior to the election for which the committee receives contributions or makes expenditures." § 130.011(10), RSMo.
83. A committee "shall have a single official fund depository ... and thereafter maintain at least one official depository account in its own name." § 130.021.4(1), RSMo.
84. A committee must have a treasurer, and it may have a deputy treasurer. § 130.021.1, RSMo.
85. Except for expenditures from a petty cash fund, "each expenditure of more than fifty dollars, except an in-kind expenditure, shall be made by check drawn on the committee's depository and signed by the committee treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate." § 130.031.2, RSMo.
86. A committee shall not accept contributions or make expenditures "except by or through an official depository account and the committee treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate." § 130.021.4(1), RSMo.
87. Any changes to the committee's treasurer or deputy treasurer must be reported to the Commission within twenty days on an amended statement of committee organization. § 130.021.7, RSMo.

88. A continuing committee must report on campaign finance disclosure reports the amount of money, including cash on hand at the beginning of each reporting period and the end of each reporting period. § 130.041.1(2)-(5), RSMo.

89. The disclosure reports shall be filed at the following times and for the following periods:

Not later than the eighth day before an election for the period closing on the twelfth day before the election if the committee has made any contribution or expenditure either in support or opposition to any candidate or ballot measure; Not later than the thirtieth day after an election for a period closing on the twenty-fifth day after the election, if the committee has made any contribution or expenditure either in support of or opposition to any candidate or ballot measure... ; and
Not later than the fifteenth day following the close of each calendar quarter.

§ 130.046.1, RSMo.

90. "The reporting dates and periods covered for such quarterly reports shall not be later than the fifteenth day of January, April, July and October for periods closing on the thirty-first day of December, the thirty-first day of March, the thirtieth day of June and the thirtieth day of September." § 130.046.3, RSMo.

91. A committee may not file a statement of limited activity in lieu of a full disclosure report if it has "received contributions aggregating more than five hundred dollars nor made expenditures aggregating five hundred dollars and has not received contributions aggregating more than three hundred dollars from any single contributor." § 130.046.5(2), RSMo.

92. Committees are required to report "the amount of expenditures for or against a candidate or ballot measure during the period covered and the cumulative amount of expenditures for or against that candidate or ballot measure, with each candidate being listed by name, mailing address and office sought." § 130.041.1(7), RSMo.

93. Pursuant to section 130.046.3(2), RSMo, a committee shall file disclosure reports pursuant to this section not later than twenty-four hours after aggregate expenditures of two hundred fifty dollars or more are made after the twelfth day before the election.

94. Under Missouri law, entities that do not trigger PAC reporting must still file Non-Committee Expenditure Reports when making expenditures.

95. Under Missouri law, continuing committees/PACs may make independent expenditures, but may **not** coordinate with candidates (they cannot be requested to be made by, directed or controlled by, or made in cooperation or with the consent of the candidate). And, "to the extent that a candidate—like Rucker, here—may also be fundraising or soliciting contributions for a continuing committee/PAC, the candidate and committee must make

- efforts to ensure that the committee's expenditures remain independent of the candidate." MEC Adv. Op. 2017.09.CF.018, at 5.
96. The Missouri Ethics Commission, in a May 10, 2018 opinion, addressed nonprofit corporations in the wake of Amendment 2, Mo. Const. Art IVVV Section 23. MEC Adv. Op. No. 2018.05.CF.004.
97. There, the MEC opined that a nonprofit corporation is a "person" under Missouri campaign finance law and becomes a committee if it accepts contributions, in excess of \$500, in a calendar year, or in excess of \$250 for a single contributor, for the primary or incidental purpose of influencing the action of voters for or against a candidate or ballot initiative.
98. The MEC noted that "once the nonprofit becomes a committee it is required to register the committee with the commission within 20 days by filing a statement of committee organization pursuant to Section 130.021.5 RSMo., and file reports as required under Chapter 130.
99. "Both the Missouri Constitution and Missouri campaign finance disclosure law contain prohibitions on making contributions to a committee with the intent to conceal the identity of the actual source of the contribution." MEC Adv. Op. No. 2018.05.CF.004.
100. It does not appear the Missouri Ethics Commission has ever ruled on the legality of whether it is illegal coordination for an *officer and member of a corporate nonprofit board who is also a candidate beneficiary of the corporate spending to be a recipient of contributions where he materially participated in the discussions about the endorsement/ spending*, but the MEC has indicated that to the extent a candidate solicits a contribution to a committee with the understanding that it will be passed on to the candidate, it is doing so in a way that suggests the contribution is being made through the committee to conceal the actual source of the contribution, which is illegal. MEC Adv. Op. 2017.09.CF.018.
101. Under Art. VIII, sec. 23.5, "any person who knowingly and willfully conceals a contribution by filing a false or incomplete report or by not filing a required report under chapter 130, RSMo. ... shall be held liable to the state in civil penalties in an amount of at least double and up to five times the amount of any such contribution."

CONCLUSION

102. Northland Progress was formed to aid Democrats seeking election to office, including Rucker, and to advocate for liberal ballot initiatives.¹³ Northland Progress,

¹³ A complaint has been filed with the IRS seeking revocation of Northland Progress's tax-exempt status, but will be handled separately from this complaint filed with the MEC.

through its leadership, effectively acts as a shadow state Democratic party organization for Northwest Missouri's liberal candidates and liberal statewide causes.

103. Upon information and belief, Northland Progress was formed and operated to circumvent Missouri campaign finance and disclosure rules—allowing the group's corporate spending on behalf of Democrat causes and candidates to go unchecked, even as it coordinated with candidates who served as the group's directors and officers and made spending decisions on behalf of Northland Progress.
104. It has brazenly operated without registering as a political committee with the MEC. In failing to do so, Northland Progress has operated in several election cycles without disclosing its spending, donors, political activity, or amount of contributions.
105. Upon information and belief, Northland Progress's Vice President and director Martin Rucker formed the group after he lost a campaign for state representative in order to amass a base of voters, supporters, donors, and contact lists from which to launch his campaign for state senate a few months later.
106. Since its founding, Northland Progress has accepted contributions and made expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage or defeat of ballot measures in Missouri.
107. In particular, Northland Progress has made expenditures and contributions in support of Missouri ballot initiatives and candidates, including Raise the Wage, No on Prop A, Clean Missouri, Martin Rucker and Lauren Arthur, among others.
108. Upon information and belief, Northland Progress has or is planning to make similar endorsements and expenditures on behalf of other Democrats for office in the Northland, as evidenced by the candidate survey sent in August 2018 and their plan to print mail cards and endorsement literature on behalf of Democrats who are Northland Progress directors and members, including endorsing Rucker (Democrat candidate for Senate 34), Rogers (Democrat candidate for House 14), Weber (Democrat candidate for House 18), Sain (Democrat candidate for House 14), and others.
109. Despite this political activity and engagement in Missouri elections, Northland Progress and its directors and officers never filed a statement of committee organization as a political action or continuing committee with the Missouri Ethics Commission.
110. Despite this political activity and engagement in Missouri elections, Northland Progress and its directors and officers never filed any non-committee expenditure reports with the Missouri Ethics Commission.
111. Under Missouri law, only properly registered and disclosed continuing political committees may act on behalf of candidates and ballot issues in Missouri elections, and committees must be formed within 60 days of an election to so act.

112. Northland Progress is barred from participating in political activity related to the November 2018 Missouri election, as it is not registered with the MEC as a continuing political action committee within the 60-day-before-election window as required by law.
113. Northland Progress and its founders violated Sections 130.021.5 and 130.026.5, RSMo, by failing to file a Statement of Committee Organization with the MEC,
114. Northland Progress and its founders violated Section 130.046.3(2), RSMo, by knowingly and repeatedly failing to file expenditure reports disclosing their “dark money” spending on behalf of ballot initiatives and Democrat candidates.
115. Northland Progress and its directors violated the law knowingly, as its directors and officers are experienced candidates, campaign professionals, and lawyers familiar with MEC filing rules.
116. Upon information and belief, Northland Progress engaged in illegal coordination and made illegal undisclosed corporate contributions when it coordinated communications and advocacy on behalf of its Vice President, Rucker, and his campaign for state senate.
117. Based on these and other facts, the MEC should find probable cause that Northland Progress and its directors and officers violated Sections 130.011(10), 130.021.4(1), 130.021.5, 130.021.7, 130.021.8, and 130.031.2, 130.041.1, 130.041.1(4), 130.041.1(7), 130.046.1, 130.041.1(2)-(5), 130.046.3, and 130.046.5(2), 130.041.4, RSMo, among other sections, and did so knowingly.

***The* Pitch**

A new political action group looks to unite progressives in the Northland

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Green addresses a standing-room-only crowd at the launch event for Northland Progress.

Blake Green is genetically predisposed to grassroots political activism.

Green, 35, is the oldest grandson of the late Hillard Selck, a former chairman of the Missouri Republican Party and a Republican National Committeeman for many years. Selck — who, like Green, was born in Boonville, Missouri — was one of the so-called “Dirty Dozen,” a group of Republicans who led the

Reagan Revolution in Missouri in the late 1970s and 1980s.

“Backing Reagan over [then-President Gerald] Ford was pretty controversial back in 1976,” Green says. “But that is the kind of guy he was — sort of a maverick, folksy, usually had a good quote for the newspapers. But he was a very principled man who fought hard for ideas that he believed in, even when they weren’t popular. I learned a lot about community involvement from him. He was involved at the national level, but his heart was in Boonville and local politics.”

As a result, Green’s childhood in Boonville — he lived just a block away from Selck — was spent knocking on doors for Cooper County conservatives and U.S. Senate candidates such as Kit Bond. The summer before his freshman year at the University of Missouri, he traveled to the 2000 Republican National Convention, in Philadelphia, where he worked as a page.

But the presidential administration that emerged from that convention challenged Green’s political views. “The [George W.] Bush years were rough: the Iraq War, the lack of focus on climate change,” Green says. “But I was also just maturing into my own personal beliefs about the world and about various social issues. The older I got, the less connected I felt to it [the Republican party].”

Around 2004, Green began thinking of himself as an independent. Then Barack Obama came along, in 2008, and articulated an ideology of hopeful political pragmatism. Green identified, and the belligerence and obstructionism exhibited by Republicans in the years that followed hardened his sense that the GOP was no longer capable of representing his beliefs.

It was time to face the music: He was a progressive.

In 2016, Green and his wife, Melissa, sold their house in Kansas City, Missouri, and moved to Parkville. Their daughter was 2, and they had a son on the way. Parkville meant better schools, a little more space, a breezier commute to and from Green’s West Bottoms law office, in the Livestock Exchange Building. They like it up there.

As a lot of young parents did, Green woke up November 9 with new concerns about the world in which his kids might grow up. He had been alarmed by the hateful and divisive rhetoric at the center of the presidential contest. Now Trump would be in the White House — and Green began to worry about what that meant closer to home. Missouri Republicans, whose most conservative legislation efforts the past decade didn’t make it onto the books, now enjoy a “trifecta” — control of the governorship and supermajorities in both legislative bodies.

“Charter schools,” Green says, identifying one such conservative hobby horse. “That’s an issue that directly affects those of us in the Northland who plan to send our kids to public school. This ongoing effort to expand charter schools in the state will work to the detriment of public funding of our school districts. That’s an issue that I believe people here would care about if they were informed about it.”

Fired up, Green turned up at the next meeting of the Platte County Democratic Central Committee. Despite Platte County’s close proximity to Kansas City, which reliably votes blue, it has no Democratic representatives in the state Legislature, and Republicans hold every elected position at the county level. Green expected he might meet others who had felt themselves shocked into action after such a cataclysmic whipping by Republicans. But the meeting was business as usual. A marquee item on the agenda was whether to extend the lease on a shed where the group’s parade float is stored.

“Our committee meetings tend to be pretty boring,” allows David Christian, chairman of the Platte Dems. “They’re not the best vehicle for activism.”

“I felt like it might be easier to make a difference by building something from the ground up,” Green says, “rather than trying to reform or drastically change an organization that already exists.”

But he did meet Martin Rucker II at the meeting. Like Green, Rucker has some Missouri politics in his blood. His father, also named Martin Rucker, was a Democratic state representative for parts of St. Joseph and Buchanan County from 2005 to 2010. The senior Rucker also served on the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole and is now the president of the St. Joseph School District Board of Education.

Rucker, 31, is a former first-team All-American tight end for the University of Missouri. He was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in 2008 and bounced around the league for five years — the Eagles, the Cowboys, the Jaguars and, finally, the Chiefs — before announcing his retirement in 2014.

Last year, Rucker challenged incumbent Kevin Corlew for the 14th District seat in the Missouri House of Representatives. The district includes parts of Riverside, Gladstone, Parkville and Kansas City. Rucker lost, but the race was relatively close (53 to 47), and he’s young. It’s unlikely to be his last run for office.

Green and Rucker got together a week after the meeting and discussed Rucker’s race and the state of the politics in the Northland. Green was interested in finding ways to reach younger, possibly independent-identifying voters in the Northland — people not so different from Green who, for whatever reason, might feel disconnected from Democrats or from the political process in general.

“My main observations from my campaign were that, one, the majority of the people whose doors I knocked on were not very informed on state and local issues, and, two, they tended not to care about the issues until it was communicated to them how those issues could actually affect their lives,” Rucker

says. “So Blake and I really agreed right off the bat that it would be very useful to create some kind of organization that could show people in the Northland how these policies being drawn up in Jeff City are affecting them.”

That organization now exists. It’s a 501(c)(4) called Northland Progress, and in early February it held its first event, “Stand Up For Progress: The Road Ahead & How to Help,” at the Screenland Armour’s upstairs event space. Green, the president and board chair of Northland Progress, expected a turnout of around 100 people.

More than 300 people came. Green, Rucker (the group’s vice president) and a dozen or so other volunteers — identifiable by baseball T-shirts bearing the Obama-like logo of Northland Progress — circled the room, greeting guests, gathering information for email lists, pouring Boulevard Kolsch from behind a bar in the back. Throughout the room, gray-haired concerned citizens mingled with 20-somethings and young pregnant women.

The crowd — considerably more age-diverse than those who regularly attend community meetings might expect — reflects the Northland’s changing dynamics. Platte County is the fastest-growing county in the state, and state estimates predict that Clay County’s population is on track to grow by more than 115,000 people between 2000 and 2030. The new arrivals are families, not farmers. They offer an opportunity for Democrats, if they can be mobilized, says Teresa Loar, who represents the Northland on the Kansas City, Missouri, City Council.

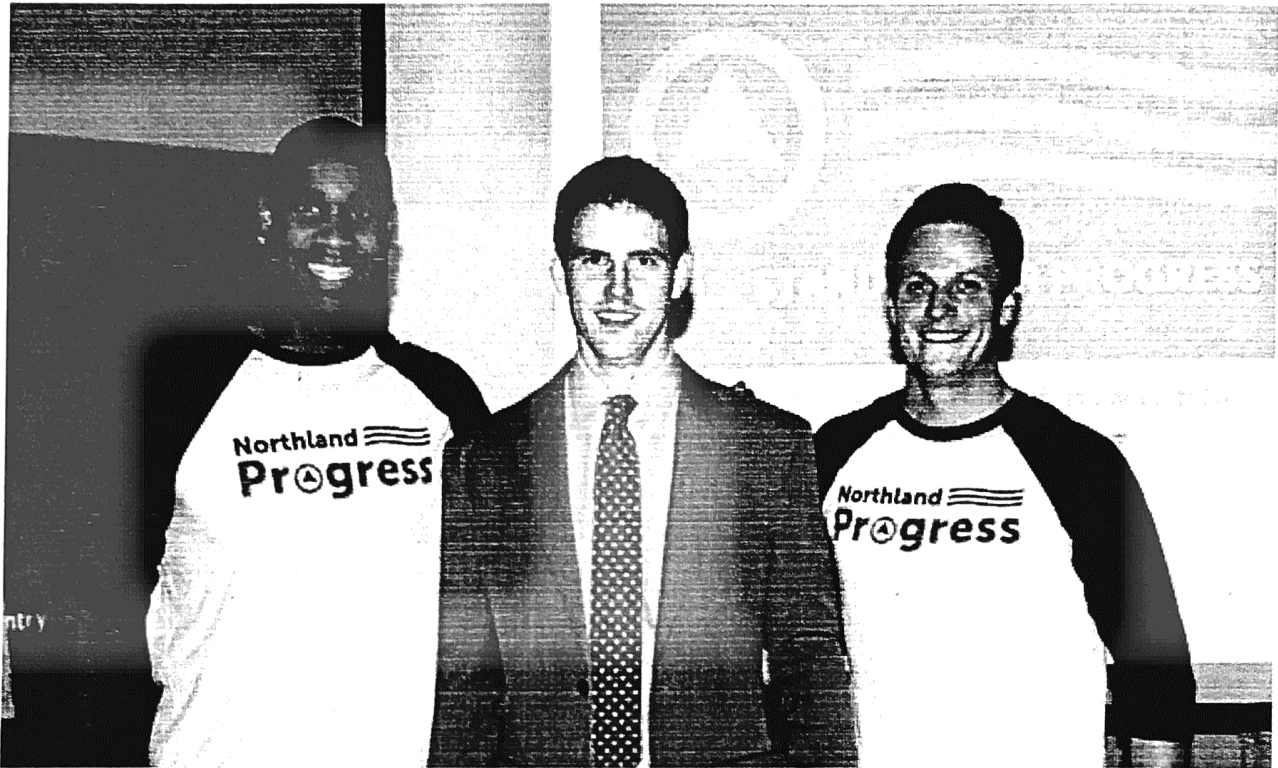
“I think the Republican Party these days — the word I use to describe it is *mean*,” says Loar, who was a Republican herself until the 1990s. “They have come to represent this hateful, isolated, mean worldview. And I think as the Northland expands, the younger families that are coming in don’t want to hear that message.”

Loar continues: “What you’re seeing with Northland Progress is that trend picking up and sort of materializing. And it’s exciting, because it’s brand-new people who are leading it. And I think that will only continue to grow.”

Green agrees. “This community is already in place up here,” he says. “Everything I see, everyone I talk to, leads me to believe that there are tons of people who have a vested interest in the future of the Northland who share my views and concerns. They just needed a way to find each other.”

As a 501(c)(4), Northland Progress can’t be overtly partisan, but the roster of speakers for the debut event in February reflected what one might call a suburban progressive agenda. Bill Griffith, of the local Sierra Club chapter, spoke about home solar installations. Shellie Daniel, with the Missouri Department

Department of Transportation, and Pleasant Valley Mayor David Slater discussed how to combat the sorry state of roads in the Northland. Pat Dujakovich, a union leader, explained why right-to-work laws (since passed by the Legislature) were bad news for fair wages in the Northland.



Rucker (left) and Green rep the Northland team, joined by Missouri Democratic Party chairman Webber (center).

New Missouri Democratic Party chairman Stephen Webber closed out the night with a talk, during which he stressed the importance of events like these. He urged those present to consider running for office.

“If you’re waiting for somebody to come up and hand you a \$20,000 check to run for the Legislature or run for school board, I can tell you from experience: Stop waiting,” Webber said. “It ain’t gonna happen. Get out, organize, and do it for yourself.”

The next step, Green says, is for Northland Progress to get moving on the issues it most urgently wants to address. Its first membership meeting — for which more than 100 people have RSVP’d — happens March 28, at Cinder Block Brewery’s event space. From there, the group will seek to engage with community leaders and, eventually, endorse candidates in local races — maybe even help field some of those candidates.

As for Green, he’ll soon pack up his office in the West Bottoms. He’s moving his law practice to downtown North Kansas City.

“I figure I gotta walk the walk,” he says.

EXHIBIT B



State of Missouri
Jason Kander, Secretary of State
 Corporations Division
 PO Box 778 / 600 W. Main St., Rm. 322
 Jefferson City, MO 65102

N000703613
Date Filed: 12/5/2016
Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State

Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation
(Submit with a filing fee of \$25.00)

The undersigned natural person(s) of the age of eighteen years or more for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is: Northland Progress, Inc.

2. This corporation is a Public Public or Mutual Benefit Corporation.

3. The period of duration of the corporation is Perpetual
"Perpetual" unless stated otherwise

4. The name and street address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office in Missouri is:
Blake Green 1600 Genessee Street Suite 350 Kansas City MO 64102
Name Address City/State/Zip

5. The name(s) and address(es) of each incorporator:
Green, Blake 1600 Genessee Street Suite 350 Kansas City MO 64102

6. Will the corporation have members? YES NO

7. The assets of the corporation will be distributed on dissolution as follows
 to an organization that qualifies for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).

8. The corporation is formed for the following purpose(s):

To act as a grass roots organization of citizens dedicated to the improvement of this society by advocating for educational, health, civic, environmental, charitable, and economic progress, or any other matter which may be deemed to promote the general welfare of Missouri, including with particularity the counties of Platte, Clay, Buchanan and Ray (hereinafter "the Northland");
 To inform the public about legislation and legislative actions impacting the people of the Northland;
 To oppose all legislation that is harmful to the interests of the people of the Northland;
 To encourage and promote all legislation beneficial to the people of the Northland;
 To conduct any lawful business or activities related to the above purposes; and

Name and address to return filed document:
Name: <u>Michael Amash</u>
Address: <u>Email: amash18@gmail.com</u>
City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation

To engage in any lawful activity for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
To engage in any lawful activity for which a Nonprofit Corporation may be organized under Chapter 355 of the Revised Statutes of

9. The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Missouri unless a future date is otherwise indicated: _____

(Date may not be more than 90 days after the filing date in this office)

(Please see next page)

STATE OF MISSOURI



Jason Kander
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation of

Northland Progress, Inc.
N000703613

have been received and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, which Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JASON KANDER, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby certify and declare this entity a body corporate, duly organized this date and that it is entitled to all rights and privileges granted corporations organized under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 5th day of December, 2016.


Secretary of State



Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:

(The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under Section 575.040, RSMo)

Must be signed by all Incorporator(s):

Blake Green
Signature

BLAKE GREEN
Printed Name

12/05/2016
Date of Signature

EXHIBIT C

John R. Ashcroft Secretary of State
 2016-2017 BIENNIAL REGISTRATION REPORT
 NONPROFIT

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Date Filed: 8/11/2017
John R. Ashcroft
Missouri Secretary of State

I ELECT TO FILE A BIENNIAL REGISTRATION REPORT

* SECTION 1, 3 & 4 ARE REQUIRED

REPORT DUE BY: 8/31/2017

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 Northland Progress, Inc.
 BLAKE GREEN
 1600 GENESSEE STREET SUITE 350
 KANSAS CITY MO 64102

ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF:
Missouri

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS:
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 1600 Genessee Street (Required)
 Suite 350
 STREET
 Kansas City MO 64102
 CITY / STATE ZIP

If changing the registered agent and/or registered office address, please check the appropriate box(es) and fill in the necessary information.
 The new registered agent
 IF CHANGING THE REGISTERED AGENT, AN ORIGINAL WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT MUST BE ATTACHED AND FILED WITH THIS REGISTRATION REPORT.
 The new registered office address
 Must be a Missouri address, PO Box alone is not acceptable. This section is not applicable for Banks, Trusts and Foreign Insurance.

OFFICERS NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS (P.O. BOX ALONE NOT ACCEPTABLE). MUST LIST PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY BELOW		BOARD OF DIRECTORS NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS (P.O. BOX ALONE NOT ACCEPTABLE). MUST LIST AT LEAST THREE DIRECTORS BELOW	
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<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Green, Blake 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350 STREET Kansas City MO 64102 CITY/STATE/ZIP	<u>NAME</u>	Green, Blake 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350 STREET Kansas City MO 64102 CITY/STATE/ZIP
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Rogers, Wes 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350 STREET Kansas City MO 64102 CITY/STATE/ZIP	<u>NAME</u>	Amash, Michael 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350 STREET Kansas City MO 64102 CITY/STATE/ZIP
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	Rucker, Martin 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350 STREET Kansas City MO 64102 CITY/STATE/ZIP	<u>NAME</u>	Green, Melissa 1600 Genessee St. Ste. 350 STREET Kansas City MO 64102 CITY/STATE/ZIP
<u>TREASURER</u>	Amash, Michael 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350 STREET Kansas City MO 64102 CITY/STATE/ZIP	<u>NAME</u>	Rucker, Martin 1600 Genessee St., Ste. 350 STREET Kansas City MO 64102 CITY/STATE/ZIP

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL OTHER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE ATTACHED

The undersigned understands that false statements made in this report are punishable for the crime of making a false declaration under Section 576.060 RSMo. Photocopy or stamped signature not acceptable.
 4 Authorized party or officer sign here Michael Amash (Required)
 Please print name and title of signer: Michael Amash / Director
 NAME TITLE

REGISTRATION REPORT FEE IS:
 ___\$20.00 If filed on or before 8/31/2017
 ___\$25.00 If filed after 9/30/2017
 Corporation will be administratively dissolved if report is not filed by 11/29/2019

WHEN THIS FORM IS ACCEPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, BY LAW IT WILL BECOME A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
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John R. Ashcroft Secretary of State
 2016-2017 BIENNIAL REGISTRATION REPORT
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EXHIBIT D



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5. TREASURER'S NAME STUART WOODY	
6. TREASURER'S MAILING ADDRESS 2018 NW 59TH COURT CITY / STATE / ZIP KANSAS CITY MO 64151	7. TREASURER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER HOME: (816) 305-3676 WORK: (816) 305-3676
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11. DATE OF ELECTION 11/6/2018	12. TYPE OF ELECTION (CHECK ONE) <input type="radio"/> PRIMARY <input checked="" type="radio"/> GENERAL <input type="radio"/> SPECIAL
13. TIME PERIOD COVERED BY THIS STATEMENT FROM 12/16/2016 THROUGH 3/31/2017	
14. CANDIDATE COMMITTEES ONLY: LIST CANDIDATE'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, OFFICE SOUGHT, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND POLITICAL PARTY MARTN T RUCKER II 3701 NW 52ND TERRACE KANSAS CITY MO 64151 (816) 294-6821 STATE REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF INCUMBENT <input type="checkbox"/> REPUBLICAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEMOCRAT <input type="checkbox"/>	15. TYPE OF REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> 15 DAYS AFTER CAUCUS NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> Jan 15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apr 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 DAYS BEFORE <input type="checkbox"/> 30 DAYS AFTER ELECTION <input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATION (ATTACH FORM CO-3) <input type="checkbox"/> SEMIANNUAL DEBT REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> Jan 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 15 <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL, JAN 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 DAYS AFTER PETITION DEADLINE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDING PREVIOUS REPORT DATED _____, 20__
16. COMMITTEE TREASURER'S SIGNATURE I CERTIFY THAT THIS REPORT, COMPRISED OF THIS COVER PAGE AND ALL ATTACHED FORMS, IS COMPLETE, TRUE AND ACCURATE. ELECTRONICALLY FILED Apr 13 2017 9:23AM _____ TREASURER'S SIGNATURE	17. CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE (CANDIDATE COMMITTEES ONLY) I CERTIFY THAT THIS REPORT, COMPRISED OF THIS COVER PAGE AND ALL ATTACHED FORMS, IS COMPLETE, TRUE AND ACCURATE. ELECTRONICALLY FILED Apr 13 2017 9:23AM _____ CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE



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REPORT SUMMARY
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Name of Committee RUCKER FOR MISSOURI	Date of Report 4/13/2017	Office Use Only
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Receipts		A. This Period	B. This Calendar Yr or Election Cycle	Statement of Beginning and Ending Financial Condition			
1. Total Receipts For This Election Previously Reported			\$ 0.00	Money On Hand			
2. All Monetary Contributions Received This Period	\$	0.00					
3. All Loans Received This Period	+	0.00					
4. Miscellaneous Receipts This Period	+	4,194.44					
5. Subtotal Monetary Receipts This Period (Sum 2A + 3A + 4A)	\$	4,194.44				24. Money On Hand at the beginning of this reporting period (Including funds in depository, cash, savings accounts and all other investments)	\$ 0.00
6. In-kind Contributions Received This Period	+	0.00				25. Monetary Receipts this Period (From Item 5 - this page)	+ 4,194.44
7. Total All Receipts This Period (Sum 5A + 6A)	\$	4,194.44				26. Monetary Disbursements Made This Period (Sum 10 + 16A + 23)	- 1,717.98
8. Total All Receipts This Election (Sum 1B + 7A)			\$ 4,194.44			a) Disbursements By Check \$ 1,717.98 b) Disbursements By Cash \$ 0.00	
Expenditures		A. This Period	B. This Calendar Yr or Election Cycle	Indebtedness			
9. Total Expenditures for this election previously reported			\$ 0.00	27. Money On Hand at the close of this reporting period (SUM 24 + 25 - 26)	\$ 2,476.46		
10. Expenditures made by cash or check this period	\$	1,501.00		Indebtedness			
11. In-Kind Expenditures made this period	+	0.00					
12. Expenditures incurred this period (not including loans) including payments made by credit card (line 17 CD3)	+	0.00					
13. Total All expenditures made this period (Sum 10A + 11A + 12A) Including payments made by Credit Card (line 17 CD3)	\$	1,501.00				28. Outstanding Indebtedness at the beginning of this period	\$ 0.00
14. Total Expenditures This Election (Sum 9B + 13A)			\$ 1,501.00	29. Loans Received This Period	+ 0.00		
Contributions Made		A. This Period	B. This Calendar Yr or Election Cycle				
15. Total Contributions Made For This Election Previously Reported			\$ 0.00	30. A. New Expenditures Incurred This Period (include payments by Credit Card (Line 17 CD3)	+ 0.00		
16. All Contributions Made This Period (25A or 25B of CD3)	A	216.98	← Cash/Check	B. New Contributions Made by Credit Card (Line 25B CD3)	+ 0.00		
	B	0.00	← Credit Card				
17. All In-Kind Contributions Made This Period	+	0.00		31. Payments Made on Loans This Period	- 0.00		
18. Total Contributions Made This Period (Sum 16A + 17A)	\$	216.98		32. Debt Forgiven on Loans This Period	- 0.00		
19. Total All Contributions Made This Election (Sum 15B + 18A)			\$ 216.98	33. Payments Made This Period on Expenditures Incurred in Previous Period (Paid by Cash/Check Only) (Line 21 this page)	- 0.00		
Other Disbursements		A. This Period	B. This Calendar Yr or Election Cycle				
20. Funds Used For Paying Loans This Period Including Credit Card Payments	+	0.00		34. Total Indebtedness at the Close of This Reporting Period (Sum 28 + 29 + 30A + 30B - 31 - 32 - 33)	\$ 0.00		
21. Payments This Period on Prev Reported Expend Incurred (Paid by Cash/Check Only)	+	0.00					
22. Any Miscellaneous Disbursement Not Reported Elsewhere	+	0.00					
23. Total Other Disbursements This Period (Sum 20A + 21A + 22A)	\$	0.00					



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CONTRIBUTIONS AND LOANS RECEIVED
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1. NAME OF COMMITTEE RUCKER FOR MISSOURI		2. REPORT DATE 4/13/2017	
A. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT, OR FROM PERSONS GIVING MORE THAN \$100 TO A COMMITTEE.		4. DATE RECEIVED ----- AGGREGATE TO DATE	5. AMOUNT RECEIVED (CHECK IF MONETARY OR IN-KIND)
3. NAME, ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION (LIST COMMITTEES FIRST)			
NAME: ADDRESS: CITY / STATE: EMPLOYER: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE:		\$ ----- \$	\$ <input type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND
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NAME: ADDRESS: CITY / STATE: EMPLOYER: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE:		\$ ----- \$	\$ <input type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND
6. SUBTOTAL: ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS THIS PAGE (SUM COLUMN 5)		\$	0.00
7. SUBTOTAL: ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS ANY ATTACHED PAGES		+\$	0.00
8. TOTAL: ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS THIS PERIOD (SUM 6 + 7)		\$	0.00
9. AMOUNT OF ITEM 8 THAT WAS RECEIVED AS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS		\$	0.00
10. AMOUNT OF ITEM 8 THAT WAS RECEIVED AS IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS		\$	0.00
B. NON-ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (LIST BY CATEGORY, NOT BY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS)		AMOUNT RECEIVED	
11. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT FUND-RAISERS AS REPORTED INLINE 8 ON FORM CD1A		\$	0.00
12. TOTAL ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM PERSON GIVING \$25 OR LESS		\$	0.00
13. TOTAL MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS GIVING \$100 OR LESS		\$	0.00
14. TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS (NOT COMMITTEES) GIVING \$100 OR LESS		\$	0.00
C. LOANS RECEIVED		16. DATE RECEIVED	17. AMOUNT OF LOAN (IF MORE THAN \$100 ATTACH CD-1B)
15. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LENDER			
NAME: ADDRESS: CITY / STATE:			\$
NAME: ADDRESS: CITY / STATE:			\$
18. SUBTOTAL: LOANS THIS PAGE (SUM COLUMN 17)		\$	0.00
19. SUBTOTAL: LOANS FROM ANY ATTACHED PAGES		\$	0.00
20. TOTAL: LOANS THIS PERIOD (SUM 18 + 19)		\$	0.00
21. TOTAL: ALL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS (SUM 10 + 14)		\$	0.00
22. TOTAL: ALL MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS (SUM 9, 11, 12 & 13)		\$	0.00
23. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS & LOANS RECEIVED REQUIRING A RECORD OF NAME & ADDRESS (SUM 9, 13 & 20)		\$	0.00



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EXPENDITURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE
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1. Name of Committee RUCKER FOR MISSOURI		2. Report Date 4/13/2017	
A. Expenditures of \$100 or Less by Category (List Payments to Campaign Workers in Section B Below)			4. Amount Paid or Incurred This Period
3. Category of Expenditure			
Website Host & Design			98.00
Bank Service Charge			22.00
5. Subtotal: Non-Itemized Expenditures This Page (Sum Column 4)			\$ 120.00
6. Subtotal: Non-Itemized Expenditures Any Attached Pages			+ 0.00
7. Total: Non-Itemized Expenditures This Period (Sum 5 + 6)			\$ 120.00
B. Itemized Expenditures All Over \$100 And All Payments To Campaign Workers		9. Date	10. Purpose - (If Payment was to a Campaign Worker, Show Aggregate Paid)
8. Name and Address of Recipient			11. Amount This Period
Name: Joe Berrigan Address: 112 NE Northcrest Dr City / State: Kansas City MO 64116		1/2/2017	Consulting Services \$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paid 221.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Incurred
Name: Northland Progress Address: 1600 Genessee St #350 City / State: Kansas City MO 64102		12/30/2016	Donation \$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paid 1,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Incurred
Name: United States Postal Service Address: 4900 Gateway City / State: Riverside MO 64150		2/16/2017	PO Box Rental \$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paid 160.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Incurred
12. Subtotal: This Page (Sum Column 11)			\$ 1,381.00
13. Subtotal: Any Attached Pages			+ 0.00
14. Total: Itemized Expenditures This Period (Sum 12 + 13)			\$ 1,381.00
15. Total: Monetary Expenditures This Period (Sum 7 + 14)			\$ 1,501.00
16. Amount of Line 15 Above which was Paid Out This Period			\$ 1,501.00
17. Amount of Line 15 Which Were Expenditures Incurred This Period Including Payments Made by Credit Cards			\$ 0.00
18. If Committee Made Any In-Kind Expenditures This Period, List Amount			\$ 0.00
19. Funds Used For Paying Loans/Credit Cards This Period (Attach Form CD1B - amount goes to Line 5 / Part II)			\$ 0.00
C. Contributions Made (Regardless of Amount)		21. Date	22. Amount
20. Name and Address of Candidate or Committee			
Name: View Supplemental Form(s) Address: City / State:			\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Monetary <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind
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Name: Address: City / State:			\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Monetary <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind
23. Subtotal: This Page (Sum Column 22)			\$ 0.00
24. Subtotal: Any Attached Pages			\$ 216.98
25. Total: Monetary Contributions Made This Period		A. By Cash / Check	\$ 216.98
		B. By Credit Card	\$ 0.00
26. If Committee Made Any Loans This Period, List Amount			\$
27. Total: All Monetary Contributions and Loans Made This Period (Sum 25 + 26)			\$ 216.98
28. Total: In-Kind Contributions Made This Period, List Amount			\$ 0.00



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CONTRIBUTIONS MADE - SUPPLEMENTAL FORM

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CONTRIBUTIONS MADE (REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT)		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE	DATE	AMOUNT
NAME: Jackson County Democratic Committee ADDRESS: 308 W Maple #101 CITY / STATE: Independence MO 64050	3/10/2017	\$ 50.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND
NAME: Committee to Elect Jon Carpenter ADDRESS: PO Box 47318 CITY / STATE: Kansas City MO 64188	3/30/2017	\$ 50.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND
NAME: Committee to Elect Lauren Arthur ADDRESS: 4135 NW Willow Dr CITY / STATE: Kansas City MO 64116	3/30/2017	\$ 50.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND
NAME: Platte County Democratic Central Comm ADDRESS: PO Box 12051 CITY / STATE: Parkville MO 64152	1/19/2017	\$ 66.98 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND
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TOTAL: ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS MADE THIS PAGE (CARRY TO ITEM 25. "SUBTOTAL: ANY ATTACHED PAGES" ON FORM CD-3)		\$ --



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ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES ON PAYMENT TO INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR (NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT)	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES RENDERED	PRO-RATED COST FOR SERVICE	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID
Joe Berrigan 112 NE Northcrest Dr Kansas City MO 64116	1/2/2017	Campaign Strategy	221.00	221.00

TOTAL ALL PAGES	221.00
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ADDENDUM STATEMENT

M.E.C. ID NO. C171000

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PURPOSE: Form Addendum should be used for explanation of any additional information needed to complete an accurate filing of this report.

Miscellaneous Receipt:

Transfer from Rucker For Missouri C161075 - PO Box 681313,
Riverside, MO 64168.


Amount: 4194.44


EXHIBIT E


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Lauren Arthur


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Supports Medicaid expansion, utilizing telemedicine to reach underserved communities, and taking real steps to curb the opioid drug crisis in the state.



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Healthcare


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Working Missourians


Voted to reduce the minimum wage and unemployment benefits for Kansas City's working families.

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VOTE Arthur on June 5

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Lauren Arthur shared **Northland Progress's** post.

May 1 at 2:17 PM · 🌐



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Northland Progress Endorses Representative Lauren Arthur for State Senate - Northland...



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May 1 at 2:10 PM · 🌐

Northland Progress endorses Representative Lauren Arthur in the special election for Missouri Senate District 17.

Representative Arthur is a strong supporter of Public Education, Workers Rights, and improved access to Affordable Healthcare for all Missourians.

<https://www.northlandprogress.org/northland-progress-endorses-representative-lauren-arthur-state-senate>

#SpecialElection #June5 #SD17



VOTE JUNE 5! — Northland Progress has endorsed candidate Lauren Arthur for the #SD17 special election. Here's how the candidates compare on a couple of our core issues:

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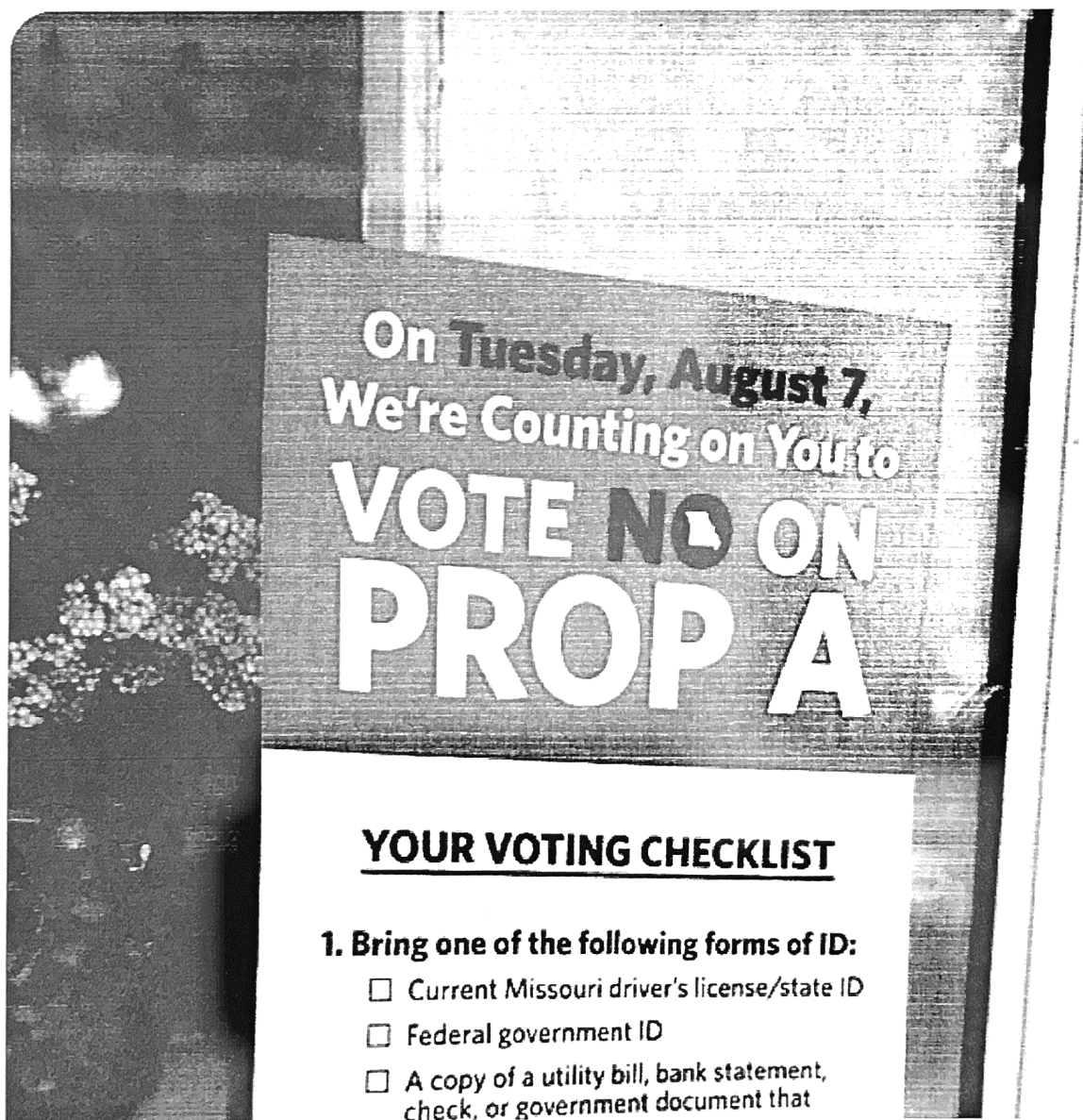


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Who's ready to #VOTE tomorrow? 🗳️
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@clairecmc You can follow Martin

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8/7/18, 10:04 AM from Gladstone, MO

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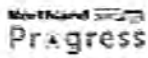
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@Steven_Kelm @RepLaurenArthur
@JasonKander @QuintonLucasKC
@nicolergalloway Thanks for coming out
to our #MSMP event last night Steven!
The product coming out of Jeff City is
dependent on the type of people we
send there to represent us! Change
started last night w/@RepLaurenArthur
and now continues with other great
progressive candidates in November.

6/6/18, 1:48 PM from Kansas City, MO

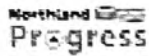
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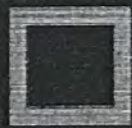
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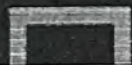
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**Hey Clay County! You've received the mailers, watched the ads, and read the candidates policy positions now it's time to make your choice! 🗳️ VOTE TODAY to send @RepLaurenArthur to the Missouri Senate for #SD17! #specialelection #ClayCounty #mosen #moleg

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Northland Progress endorses Lauren Arthur
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Invest in public schools and early childhood education programs that get our kids started on the right track.

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Lauren Arthur
Missouri Senate District 10
City 412-333-1111



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The Real Jon Avery

@TheRealJonAvery

Out knocking doors with @NorthldProgress in support of @RepLaurenArthur for State Senate today! I think my new @letamericavote "Door Knocking is Patriotic" socks are bringing us good luck with the weather! #SD17 #specialelection #mosen



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Dropping off another 91 signatures for
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[instagram.com/p/BhEu6lGnm7Z/](https://www.instagram.com/p/BhEu6lGnm7Z/)

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3/26/18, 8:18 PM from Parkville, MO



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This is why @NorthldProgress fights for voting rights.

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Republicans want to make it way more difficult for people to vote — the cast of #TheWestWing needs your help to stop them



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It was a great day in @cityofnkc at the @SnakeSaturday parade collecting signatures for @CleanMissouri, @raiseupMO, and the @ClayCountyAudit Progress takes work #grabanoar

Signatures collected during the Snake Saturday parade:

Clean Missouri - 29
Raise UP Mo -25
Clay County Audit- 46

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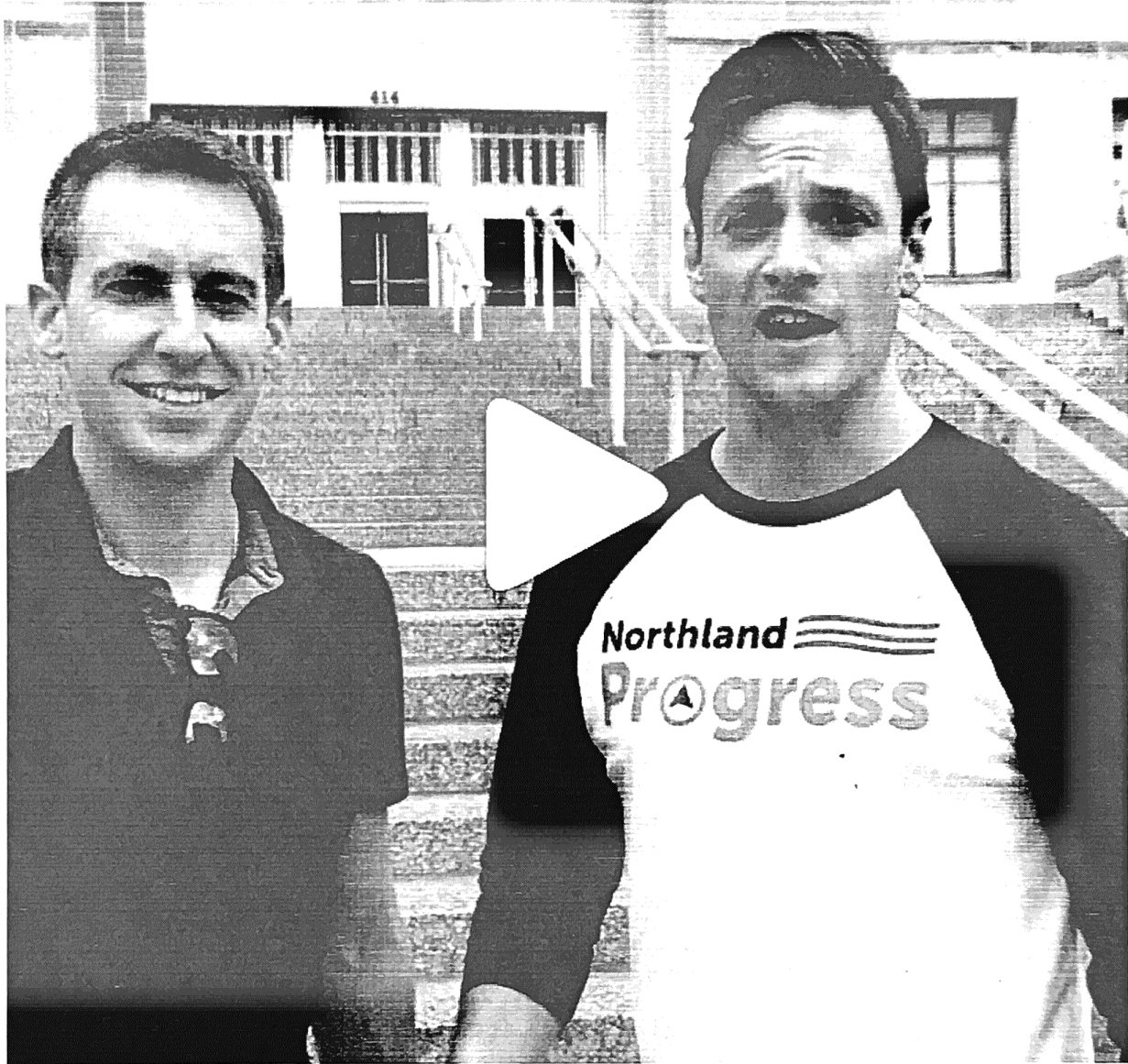




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