

From: Suzanne Staiert [mailto:suzannestaiert@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 4, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Al Kolwicz
Subject: Re: Are four election complaints being intentionally stalled?

Al,

I've been immersed in campaign finance lawsuits and I'm sorry for the delay. I set this as a pre-hearing so we can determine steps that need to be taken before the hearing. It won't be in the format of a formal hearing. I would like to go through each of the points in your complaint with staff at the table to see if there is additional work or resolution. As you have pointed out the notice is defective. I prefer Wednesday the 8th. I have a legal education course on Thursday. That said, the pre-hearing could go forward without me, as I will not be the one performing any additional investigation. Let me know which day you prefer.

Thanks,

Suzanne

On Sep 26, 2014, at 8:17 AM, Al Kolwicz <Al@alkolwicz.net> wrote:

Hi Suzanne,

I want to make sure that you have seen the following correspondence and request.

It appears that Stephanie has created a hearing that has no basis in law or rules.

You can stop this nonsense hearing. And you can make sure that the department addresses the problems.

It looks like I am being stonewalled, to the detriment of the public.

Al

From: Al Kolwicz
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 4:16 PM
To: Suzanne Staiert (Suzanne.Staiert@SOS.STATE.CO.US)
Cc: SOS Scott Gessler (Scott.Gessler@SOS.STATE.CO.US); Dana Williams; Dwight Shellman; Colorado Voter Group (ColoradoVoter@googlegroups.com)
Subject: RE: Are four election complaints being intentionally stalled?

Suzanne,

I saw the attached notice of hearing after I sent my 3:17 p.m. email to you.

I hope that you will withdraw the notice, and first attend to the pre-hearing requirements that I suggested.

Al

From: Stefanie Mann [<mailto:Stefanie.Mann@SOS.STATE.CO.US>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 2:40 PM
To: Suzanne Staiert; Al Kolwicz
Subject: RE: Are four election complaints being intentionally stalled?

Mr. Kolwicz:

Attached is the notice of hearing for the hearing addressing your four complaints. The hearing is set for October 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

-Stefanie Mann

From: coloradovoter@googlegroups.com [<mailto:coloradovoter@googlegroups.com>] **On Behalf Of** Al Kolwicz
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 3:17 PM
To: Suzanne Staiert (Suzanne.Staiert@SOS.STATE.CO.US)
Cc: SOS Scott Gessler (Scott.Gessler@SOS.STATE.CO.US); Dana Williams; Dwight Shellman; Colorado Voter Group (ColoradoVoter@googlegroups.com)
Subject: [Colorado Voter].4661 RE: Are four election complaints being intentionally stalled?

Suzanne,

Stephanie Mann called at 2:18 p.m. and asked if I can be available for a hearing next week. This took me off guard. I asked what kind of hearing and to cover what?

She said that the hearing would address the four election complaints.

1. In my opinion, there is insufficient written record on which to conduct a productive hearing.

It seems to me that the first step needed is for the Department to perform and document a formal problem-analysis. The technical issues need technical, not legal or administrative, analysis.

The only documentation we are aware of is for the September 11th complaint, see attached, and the September 15th complaint, see attached. In both cases the discussion is incomplete with many questions left unanswered. It is not clear what purpose a hearing would serve before reviewing and responding to the answers.

2. To be effective, a problem-solving conference needs well-defined objectives, and agreed to governance. If you wish, we will critique your approach.

I suggest that you create a detailed plan to address these four complaints. I'll provide suggestions if you like.

Al

From: Al Kolwicz

Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 2:14 PM

To: Suzanne Staiert (Suzanne.Staiert@SOS.STATE.CO.US)

Cc: SOS Scott Gessler (Scott.Gessler@SOS.STATE.CO.US); 'Dana Williams'; Dwight Shellman; Colorado Voter Group (ColoradoVoter@googlegroups.com)

Subject: Are four election complaints being intentionally stalled?

September 24, 2014

Suzanne Staiert

Colorado Deputy Secretary of State

RE: Four Election Complaints

Following the Rule 13 procedures, I have submitted four election complaints: August 12, September 11, September 15, and September 23. Correspondence suggests that these complaints are not being handled in an expeditious and professional manner. Time is being squandered. The threat to the integrity of the November election is growing.

It is a travesty of the Department's "purity of elections" mission that these complaints have not been resolved.

Is it correct that you and Secretary Gessler would be accountable if the processing of these complaints is being intentionally stalled?

Al Kolwicz

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