

Media Release

Election Law Deadlines Pass - City of Lafayette Fails to Respond to Initiative Filing

Chief Petitioner, Darrell Flood, filed an Initiative at Lafayette City Hall at 10:00 am Tuesday, July 15, 2008. The timeline has passed to provide the Chief Petitioner with a response as to the constitutionality of the filing. Instead, the Elections Official, Trena McManus has provided a statement advising a potential conflict of interest to Mr. Flood as well as to the Lafayette City Council. The City Administrator, Diane Rinks, and City Attorney, Andy Jordan, of Jordan Schrader Ramis, PC, have also filed letters advising the Council of a potential conflict. That leaves it to the City Council to determine a course of action, one that should have already been decided.

A complaint was filed, by Mr. Flood, at the Oregon Secretary of State's Election Office on Thursday, July 24, 2008 advising the City has violated election law. Mr. Flood has still not received a response to the initiative and the issue has been forwarded to the Council for their next scheduled meeting on August 14, 2008, per correspondence from Ms. McManus. At that point, several more timelines will have passed. Mr. Flood advises he will continue to work with the State Elections Office until the issue is resolved.

The State Elections Office advises a city refusing to comply with the law has not generally been an issue before Lafayette.

For more information on the Initiative, and the responses, please visit www.lafayetteoregon.org.

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