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COMPLAINT FORM

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CASE NUMBER  
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COMPLAINANT: Derek Michael Underwood

RESPONDENT: McKeVa LaVonda Kinard-Shelton

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 803-271-2972

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Resident of Prosperity

TITLE: Candidate Mayor

Set forth in detail specific facts upon which you based your complaint against above-named respondent (only detailed, clear factual allegations will be considered. If additional space is needed, attach supplemental sheets).

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COUNTY OF Richland

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of January, 2022

[REDACTED]

Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission expires 03-11-2026



[REDACTED SIGNATURE] Complainant Signature

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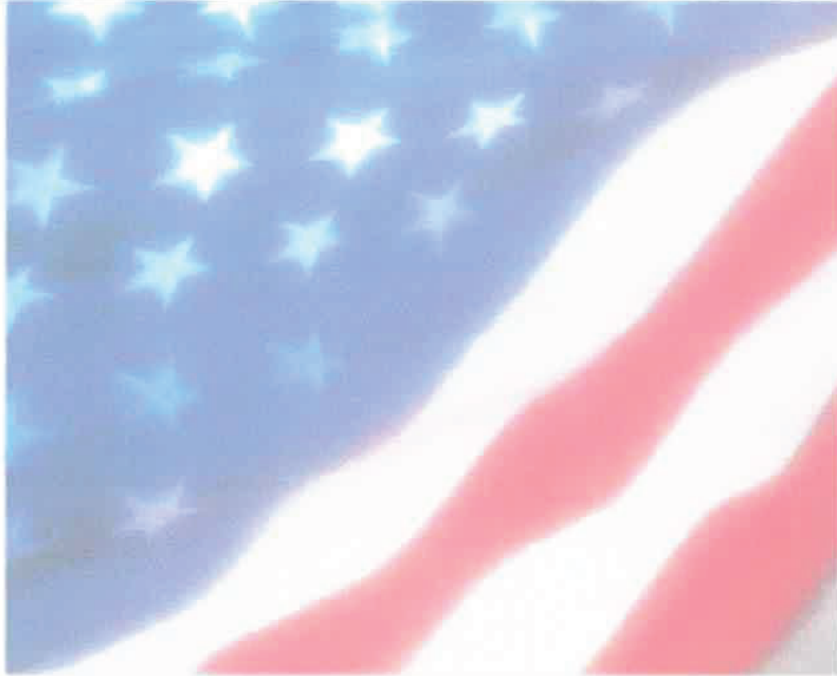
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WOMEN on A Mission

October 26 at 8:23 PM · 🌐

Feel free to call in advance to schedule your transportation.



## NOV 2<sup>ND</sup>,

ANY PERSONS NEEDING RIDES TO THE POLL ON  
NOV. 2 CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BELOW

Shirley Garmany: 803-351-0844

Heice Smith: 803-924-8761

Tammy Montgomery: 803-944-9184



WOMEN on A Mission

October 26 at 8:00 PM · 🌐

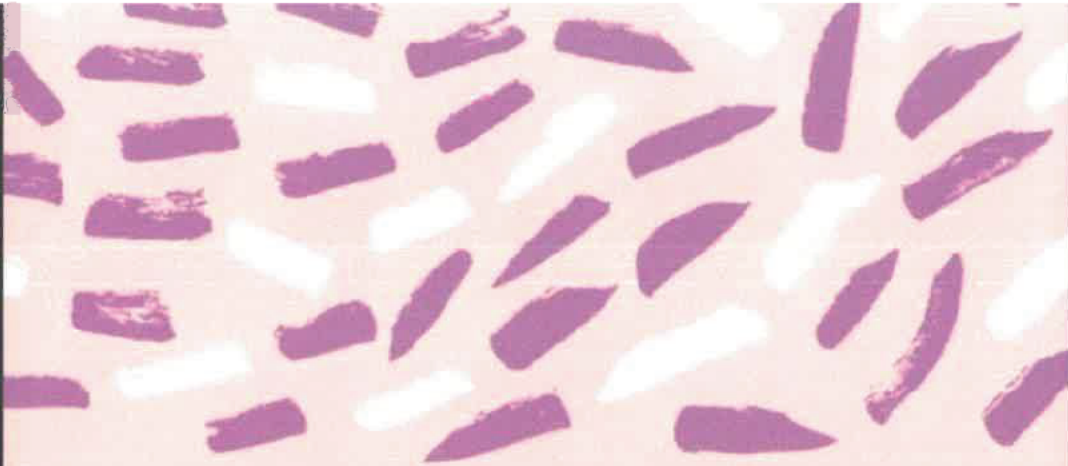


This event will be held at 337 Forest Hill Blvd ( Between Dot Wicker/ Von Jones ) Bring your family and friends out to this event.



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- free food  
- Campaign rally



JOIN MCKEVA KINARD-SHELTON FOR A WALK  
AGAINST CANCER.

# TURN UP THE PINK

Let's walk as one family for breast cancer awareness.

OCTOBER 16, 2021 | 9 AM - 11 AM  
PROSPERITY COMMUNITY WALKING TRACK

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE WALK AT  
302 NORTH WHEELER AVE PROSPERITY, SC 29127

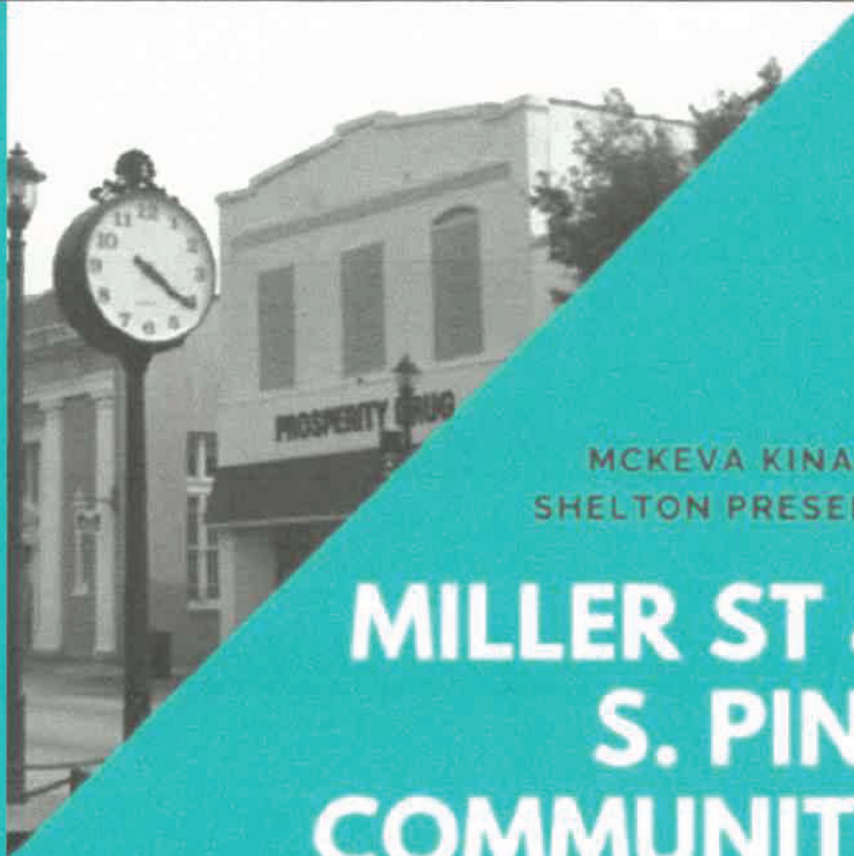
*Campaign rally*



WOMEN on A Mission

September 30 · 🌐

Join us on October 9, 2021



MCKEVA KINARD-  
SHELTON PRESENTS

# MILLER ST & S. PINE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

OCTOBER 9, 2021 •  
SATURDAY • 1 PM - 3 PM

Location: 616 S Pine Street  
Prosperity, SC 29127

*Campaign rally*



WOMEN on A Mission

September 22 · 🌐

On to the next one. Come out and join us.



# Community Outreach with PINERIDGE APT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25 2021

TIME: 1PM-3PM

LOCATION: 125 PINE STREET

PROSPERITY SC 29127

ALL AGES WELCOME

Hosted By: WOMEN ON A MISSION

SIMPLY UNIQUE

ROLLIN HEARTS



free food  
campaign rally

WOMEN on A Mission

September 9 · 🌐

enjoy a day full of fun.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY**  
**FALL CELEBRATION**

VENDORS, MUSIC, GAMES, FUN.

**Where:** 311 LANGFORD ST PROSPERITY  
(ACROSS FROM BALLFIELD)

**When:** SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

**Time:** 1PM-5PM

**BRING YOUR TENT/ LAWN CHAIR**

**Sponsored By: Women on a Mission**

Moving Forward Ministry

Simply Unique

Rollin Hearts

Campaign Valley



WOMEN on A Mission

August 30 · 🌐

New Vision! New Voice!

*"Introducing a woman on a mission"*

*Moving Forward Ministry  
Simply Unique  
Rollin' Hearts  
Presents.*

## MEET AND GREET FOR

*McKevea Kinard-Shelton*

Candidate for Mayor in Prosperity, SC



*September 4, 2021*

*12 pm until 2 pm*

*128 Broad St. Prosperity, SC*

*29127*

*Campaign rally.  
CASH donations  
received.*



WOMEN on A Mission

August 23 · 🌐

Hope to see you all there.

Shiloh AME  
 Rollin Hearts  
 Simply Unique  
 Moving Forward Ministry  
 presents

**SATURDAY**  
**1PM - 3PM**  
**AUGUST 28.2021**

**COMMUNITY**  
**OUTREACH**

**Sunset Trailer Park**



*food*    music    fun

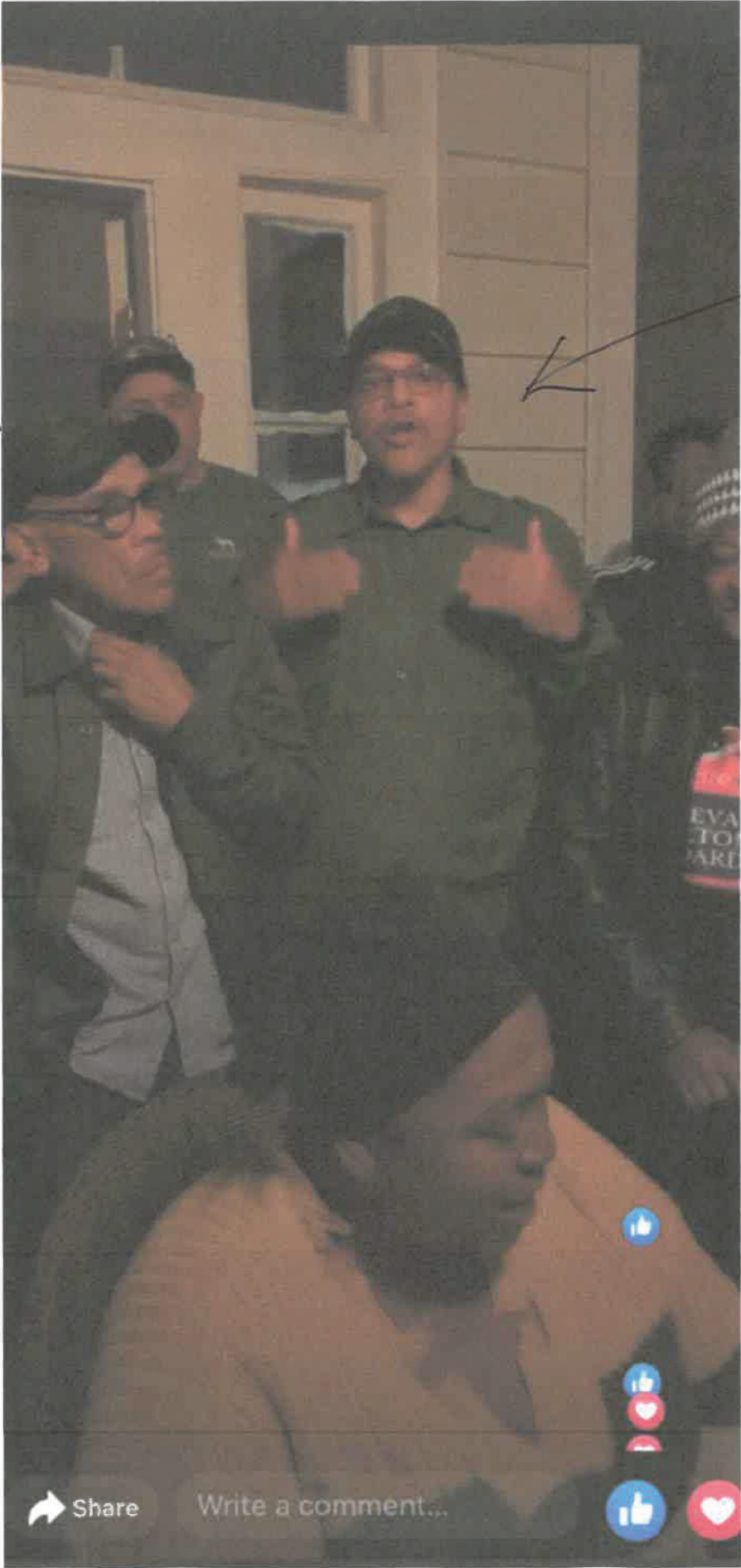
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Free food  
 & rides + music  
 Campaign rally



1 of 20  
full color yard signs.  
est cost \$200-300  
over 50 T-shirts  
seen



Julius  
Anderson



Farug  
Al-Amin



Two men  
on election  
day who  
accosted me.

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# McKevea L. Kinard-Shelton

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## Campaign Disclosure Reports

### Reporting for These Offices

Office Name	Initial Report Filed	Last Report Submitted	Latest Activity	Amount
Prosperity Mayor	10/15/2021	Quarter 3 & Pre Election (General) Report 2021	Amendment (October 14, 2021)	\$0.00
Prosperity Mayor		Quarter 4 2021 Report	Amendment (October 05, 2021)	\$0.00

Closed Runs for Office

#### Ethics Reform Act

Title 8, Section  
Title 2, Section

#### Looking for older reports?

Candidates Officers Quarter 4 2003 -  
Quarter 3 2007

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## SEI Reports

Report Year	Disclosing for Year	Submitted	Last Amendment
No records available.			

### Ethics Reform Act

Title II Section  
Title 2, Section

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Constitutional Officers Quarter 4 2001.  
Quarter 3 2007

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## Profile

### Contact Information

**Address**  
422 Langford St  
Prosperity, SC 29127  
**Phone Number**  
(803) 537-8862

### Recent Offices & Positions Held

### Open Offices

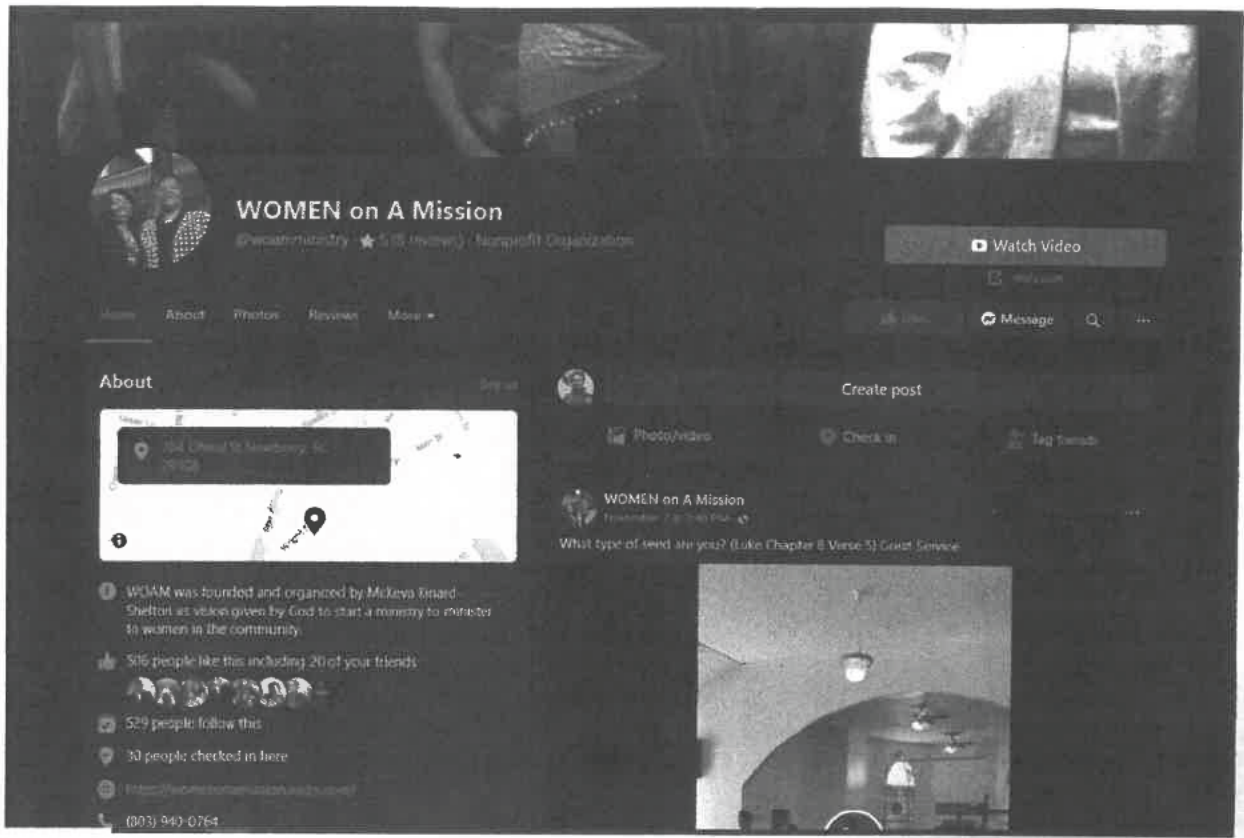
Prosperity Mayor  
Prosperity Mayor

## All Positions Listed on SEI Reports

Offices or Position Name  Entry  Type  SEI Report Year   
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### Closed Offices

Office Name  Start  End   
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Complaint C2022-009 ) )  
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Dereck M. Underwood ) **NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Complainant. ) )  
) )  
McKeva L. Kinard-Shelton ) )  
Respondent. ) )  
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The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

**COUNT ONE**  
**FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT**  
**SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That McKeva L. Kinard-Shelton, candidate for mayor for the Town of Prosperity, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2021 Quarter 4/Final Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

**COUNT TWO**  
**FAILURE TO REPORT IN-KIND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND**  
**EXPENDITURES**  
**SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

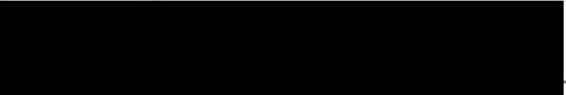
That McKeva L. Kinard-Shelton, candidate for mayor for the Town of Prosperity, did in

Richland County, fail to report in-kind campaign contributions and expenditures for campaign t-shirts, campaign signs, and a fish fry campaign event, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).


You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day,  
of March 2024.

  
Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director  
State Ethics Commission

*Certificate of Service by Certified Mail*

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on the RESPONDENT McKeve L. Kinard-Shelton by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage  indicated on said envelope.

  
Rachael O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant

State Ethics Commission

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 Respondent. )  
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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**CONSENT ORDER**

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission) by way of a Complaint filed on January 18, 2022. Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (Ethics Act), the Complaint against McKeve L. Kinard-Shelton (Respondent) was considered by the Commission and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the call of the case, Respondent agreed to the following:

**STATEMENTS OF FACT**

1. Respondent was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Town of Prosperity in a November 2, 2021 election.
2. Respondent did not file a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR) prior to the November 2, 2021 election. Rather, Respondent filed her Pre-Election CDR on November 30, 2021. Therein, Respondent disclosed no contributions or expenditures.
3. The Commission investigation revealed Respondent did not report \$870.00 in in-kind contributions and expenditures during her election cycle.
4. Following contact from a Commission Investigator, Respondent promptly amended her Pre-Election CDR to reflect the aforementioned in-kind contributions.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Statements of Fact, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a “candidate” pursuant to Section 8-13-1300(4).

Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

2. Section 8-13-1300(20) defines “in-kind contribution or expenditure” as:

goods or services which are provided to or by a person at no charge or for less than their fair market value

3. Section 8-13-1308 provides, in relevant part:

(B) Following the filing of an initial certified campaign report, additional certified campaign reports must be filed within ten days following the end of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or expenditures are made, whether before or after an election until the campaign account undergoes final disbursement pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-13-1370.

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(F) Certified campaign reports detailing campaign contributions and expenditures must contain: (1) the total of contributions accepted by the candidate or committee; (2) the name and address of each person making a contribution of more than one hundred dollars and the amount and date of receipt of each contribution; (3) the total expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate or committee; (4) the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure is made from campaign funds, including the date, amount, purpose, and beneficiary of the expenditure.

4. Section 8-13-1510(A) provides:

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, a person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report or fails to file a required statement or report must be assessed a civil penalty as follows: (1) a fine of one hundred dollars if the statement or report is not filed within five days after the established deadline provided by law in this chapter . . .

5. Section 8-13-320 allows the Commission to assess a \$2,000.00 civil penalty for each violation of the Ethics Act.
6. Section 8-13-130 allows the Commission to “levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a

person who is in violation” of the Ethics Act.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Commission found probable cause to charge Respondent with one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1308(B) for failing to timely file a 2021 Quarter 4/Final CDR and one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1308(F) failing to report in-kind contributions and expenditures.<sup>1</sup> Through this Consent Order, Respondent admits she violated the Ethics Act in each of these instances. In mitigation, Respondent states 2021 was her first time running for public office. Respondent states she did not believe she had any disclosure requirements given that she did not raise or spend any money. Respondent states she was unaware that in-kind contributions and expenditures required disclosure to the Commission. Respondent further states that she promptly rectified her filings upon notification from the Commission.

### **DISPOSITION**

1. The Commission hereby finds Respondent in violation of one (1) count of Section 8-13-1308(B) and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1308(F).
2. The Commission hereby adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Discussion, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the Commission hereby issues a Public Reprimand and orders the Respondent to pay the Commission, within one (1) year from receipt of this Order, a late-filing

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<sup>1</sup> The Complaint also alleged Respondent failed to submit Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) in conjunction with her 2021 campaign. However, pursuant to Section 8-13-1356, non-partisan candidates are not required to file an SEI unless or until they are elected. The Complaint further alleged that Respondent, or individuals acting on her behalf, behaved improperly at the polling place on the day of the election. The Commission’s jurisdiction is limited to enforcement of the Ethics Act, which is silent on this issue. Accordingly, the Commission did not find probable cause existed to support this allegation.


penalty of \$100.00<sup>2</sup> for the violation of Section 8-13-1308(B) and an administrative fee of \$600.00, for a total of \$700.00. The Commission declines to assess a civil penalty for Respondent's violation of Section 8-13-1308(F) given that she has now disclosed the aforementioned in-kind contributions and expenditures.

By executing this Consent Order, Respondent understands that she is not only admitting to violations of the Ethics Act, but also confessing to a judgment of \$700.00 (less any money paid to the Commission) in the event she does not make full and timely payment as provided for in this Order. In that event, the Commission shall file a Judgment against Respondent in the Clerk of Court's Office in the County of Respondent's last known residence. Upon said filing, the Clerk of Court shall enter this Order in the amount of \$700.00 (less any money paid to the Commission) in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2024.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

  
SCOTT E. FRICK, CHAIR

  
MCKEVA L. KINARD-SHELTON  
RESPONDENT

<sup>2</sup> The Commission notes that no accrued late-filing penalties are assessed because Respondent did not receive certified notice of her failure to file this CDR pursuant to Section 8-13-1510 from the Commission prior to the filing of the Complaint.