

2011-15 Friends of Dave Hansen, et al

Jonathan Becker prepared a written report. Mr. Becker gave an oral report about a "RICO" complaint filed against Senator Dave Hansen alleging improper coordination of political ads, the basis of which is their similarity. Staff recommends dismissal. Discussion of how to handle frivolous complaints.

MOTION: Dismiss the complaint against Senator Hansen and warn complainant Dave Boyce about filing a frivolous complaint. Moved by Judge Vocke, seconded by Judge Nichol. Motion carried unanimously.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: For the August 2, 2011 Board Meeting

TO: Members, Government Accountability Board

FROM: Jonathan Becker

SUBJECT: Friends of Dave Hansen, et al., 2011-15

On July 18, 2011, the Government Accountability Board received a "RICO" complaint (attached) alleging that Friends of Dave Hansen and other groups violated campaign finance laws by improperly coordinating political ads. The basis for the complaint is the similarity of the ads. Without more, there does not seem to be any basis for an investigation.

Recommendation: That the Board dismiss the complaint because there is no reasonable suspicion that a violation of the ethics code has occurred or is occurring.