



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer <u>JOSEPH J. SHEPPER</u>	
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City, state, and zip <u>Hutch, MN 55941</u>	Telephone (Daytime) <u>(608)406-0419</u>

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about <u>GARY STEVART</u>
Address <u>P.O. Box 36</u>
City, state, zip <u>Mabel, MN 55954</u>
Title of respondent (if applicable) <u>candidate State Rep. District 26B</u>
Board/Department/Agency/District # (if legislator) <u>candidate 26B</u>

Joseph J. Shepper
Signature of person filing complaint

4-29-2024
Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated: _____

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

see attached

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website. Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed. The Board chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 45 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.

Complaint of Joseph Sheffer v. Gary Steuart

Based on information and belief, Gary Stewart has violated Minnesota Statutes:

Minn. Stat. 10A. 14, Minn. Stat. 211B.04

Failure to register a campaign committee (10A.14).

There is no campaign registered with the Campaign Finance Board for the Gary Steuart for House Committee. A candidate is required to register a campaign committee within 14 days of having raised or spent in excess of \$750. On April 20, 2024, the Committee disseminated pre-printed professionally produced campaign materials at the House District 26B endorsing convention. This material also referenced the campaign's on-line resources. Specifically, the campaign has: a website, email, facebook page, Instagram page, and a PO box. See attached. The production and dissemination of all of these materials are clearly in excess of \$750 and the obligation for their production clearly occurred prior to the April 20, 2024 event, and the 14th day for registration has come and gone.

Failure to include a disclaimer (211B.04).

On April 20, 2024 the Steuart campaign disseminated the campaign materials described above. It fails to include a disclaimer as required under Minn. Stat. 211B.04. See attached. Additionally, prior to the April 20, 2024 endorsing convention, candidate Steuart held a campaign event. A poster for the event was disseminated prior to the event. See attached. This campaign material also fails to comply with Minn. Stat. 211B.04.

MEET & GREET

WITH CANDIDATE FOR MN HOUSE 36B

GARY STEUART

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024
5:00 PM - 7

CORBY'S PUBS
25 S. ANNE ST.
ST. CROIX, MN

Food & beverages. Family event.
Cash bar available.



2024 Minnesota State Representative
2024 MN House District 36B

Meet Gary Steuart

Member of the Minnesota House of Representatives since 2019. Representing District 36B, St. Croix County, Minnesota.


Key Issues:

- Education
- Healthcare
- Infrastructure
- Small Business
- Environment
- Public Safety

Commitments:

- Supporting our schools and ensuring a bright future for every child.
- Ensuring our healthcare system is strong and accessible to all.
- Investing in our infrastructure to create jobs and improve quality of life.
- Supporting our small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Protecting our environment and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

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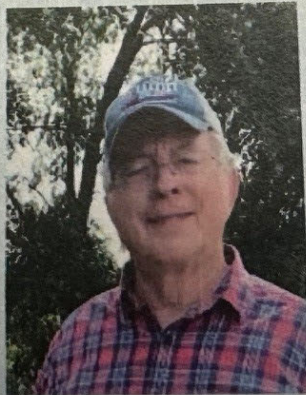
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

5:00 PM - ?

Corky's Pizza

25 S Walnut St
La Crescent, MN

Food & Beverages. Family event.
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Conservative Republican Candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives, District 26B

Lifelong Minnesota Resident

Father of 5

Founded Steuart Labs, an over-the-counter human and veterinary health products company.

Our biggest challenge is Election Security: Picture ID, continue using paper ballots, hand count, one day elections.

Pro Life: Life begins at conception.

Safe Communities: Rule of law applied equally.

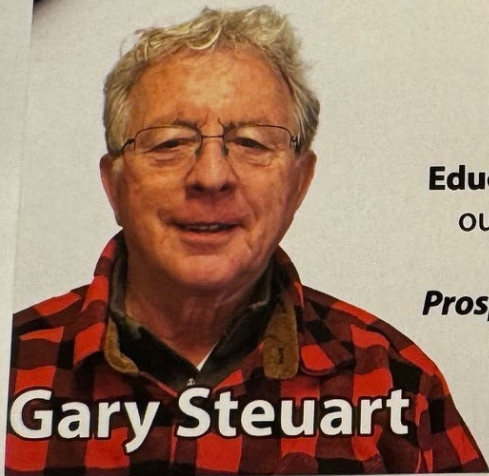
Preserve the 2nd Amendment

Education: No new funding until we make fundamental changes in our schools, recognize 2 genders, local control, & school choice.

Medical Freedom: No vax mandates or lockdowns.

Prosperity and well-being of the population increases with a smaller and less intrusive government.

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