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Dear Colby,

On Monday, October 19, 2020, Reed College sent an invitation to students, faculty, and staff inviting them to a virtual panel discussion about the 2020 election with Reed professors and alumni experts. Reed was proud to include Reed graduate Mingus Mapps to join our esteemed professors and alumni who are nationally recognized experts on the topics of the elections, policy, taxation, and political theory. Mingus Mapps was to act as a non-candidate moderator in this virtual panel discussion. Reed College does not support or oppose any candidates or political party. The event is not about Mingus Mapps' political campaign activities.

Mingus Mapps was invited to moderate this event because of his alumni status and his work as a political scientist--he has a bachelor's degree in political science from Reed College and a Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University. The panel's organizers saw this to be an entirely educational non-partisan exercise for the Reed community's benefit.

Mingus Mapps and the panelists were not offered any money to participate in the event, and the virtual event itself is free to the Reed community. This event is not an advocacy or fundraising event and no contributions or expenditures in violation of City Charter Section 3-303 were made.

All this being said, **Mingus Mapps has communicated he is no longer available to participate in the panel.** Therefore, the concern raised in Campaign Regulations Complaint: 2020-45-RC is no longer an issue. Two days after the original invitation was sent, the college [updated the event listing on our website](#) that Mingus is no longer moderating and has issued a communication to the community.

Reed College respectfully asks that the complaint be dismissed. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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