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Hello,

As the Director of Sam Works for Portland, a PAC and independent expenditure campaign operating in support of Sam Adams for City Commissioner position 4, I have reviewed the linked complaint and conferred with counsel.

When we prepared our mailer, we carefully reviewed the Open and Accountable Election section of your website, including the applicable rules for independent expenditures. We did not see any notice of additional "disclaimer" rules in those materials so we followed the standard practices. We otherwise believed that all of the provisions of the charter amendment were on hold pending the Supreme Court decision which was just issued.

We now understand that we may have missed the separate disclaimer provisions.   A review of campaign materials for other candidates reveals that this omission may be common.

Any omission was inadvertent; our political committee understands the importance of transparency, which is why we included language on our mailing that read, "This mailing is paid for and authorized by Sam Works for Portland – an independent coalition of Portland organizations and individuals focused on making Portland a city that works for working families, small businesses, and those facing challenges such as homelessness and lack of economic opportunity. This committee is independent from the Sam Adams for Portland campaign, working in compliance with the rules set by Portland's Open and Accountable Election Program. All information in this mailing is derived from publicly available resources or directly from supporters of Sam Works for Portland."

Moving forward, we will include top donors and business type in all future communications (both print and digital). Please let me know if there are other measures we should be taking.

Best,

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