

CASE NO. 2022G-024

EXHIBIT: A

Matt Ford

Friends of Nordonias Hills Schools PAC

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10/17/2022

Ohio Elections Commission

Suite 1850 Riffle Center
77 South High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

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**OHIO ELECTIONS
COMMISSION**

Dear **Ohio Elections Commission**:

My name Matt Ford and I represent Friends of Nordonias Hills School PAC. We are registered with the Summit County Board of Elections. It has come to our attention that a group of people, led by **Michael Smith 96 Heights Avenue, Northfield Village, Ohio 44067 email – TellJoeNo@outlook.com**, have gotten together to raise money for a ballot issue and have failed to form a Ballot Issue Committee and file with the Summit County Board of Elections. A ballot issue committee, sometimes called a ballot issue PAC, is a political action committee that is organized to support or oppose a proposed or certified ballot issue or question.

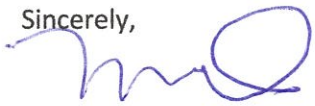
- **By definition a PAC is: A combination of two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, or to influence the result of any election through express advocacy. R.C 3517.01(C)(8)**
- **On September 8, 2022, and September 16, 2022, Michael Smith formed a Ballot Issues PAC when he posted on the Facebook page "The Real Nordonias": Fig (1a) and fig (2)**
 - **We need funds for VOTE NO signs. Please contribute via cashapp \$therealnordonia. I will personally contribute what I can to complete the process, and I will pass out the signs. If possible, we'd like to also get 2 banners, 1 for 82/8, and the other for as near to the board offices as possible. Fig (2)**

By using the pronouns, we, Michael is designating a group of two or more, furthermore, Michael is also stating that that he will not be funding the entire process by stating that "personally contribute what I can to complete the process". This will be funded by two or more people.

- **Michael Smith violated R.C. 3517.018, 3517.10(D) By receiving contributions before filing a Designation of Treasurer.**

- Before receiving contributions or making expenditures, a ballot issue committee must file Form 30-D, Designation of Treasurer. This form registers the committee and includes basic information such as the name and address of the ballot issue committee, the name of the treasurer and their address, and any deputy treasurers.
- Michael Smith violated **R.C. 3517.10** by accepting contributions via a cashapp account that was not solely designated for the PAC. \$therealnordonia cashapp account had been used previously on April 11, 2022, fig (1b) and July 13, 2022, fig (3) to solicit donations not related to a ballot issue.
 - A PAC must establish a bank account that is separate from all other accounts. All monetary contributions received must be deposited into this account. Contributions may not be placed in any other personal or business account. PACs must disclose all contributions received and expenses paid from this account.
- Michael Smith Violated **R.C. 3517.105(A)** by not disclosing a disclaimer on yard signs against Issue 5 fig (4). Michael Smith does not qualify for a Limited PAC or PCE **R.C 3517.105(A)** because over \$100 was spent on signs. Fig (5)

I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this position with you. If you have questions or would like to schedule an interview, please contact me by phone at **216-598-2872** or by email at **mattford@yahoo.com**. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Matt Ford

Fig 1a, 1b,2,3,4,5

*Matt Ford signed in my presence
on October 17, 2022.*

Susan M. Petro

My Commission expires May 7, 2022





The Real Nordonia



Michael Smith · Sep 8 · 🌐

Fig (1)q

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4 comments

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Michael Smith · Apr 11 · 🌐

Fig (1)b

Going to try something. My cashapp is \$therealnordonia and venmo is @legendfloorpros. Looking for people to donate 1 dollar each, then, next week, we'll vote on who or what locally to donate it to. Can make it a monthly thing to help the community.

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Fig (2)



The Real Nordonia



Michael Smith · Sep 16 · 

Current bond voter situation:


1. We need funds for banners. Donate at \$therealnordonia on cashapp.
2. We have reached out to Chad, Joe, Casey Wright, and others to join here, and/or work with us, and even just communicate with us, no responses from any of them.
3. Their fake profiles are popping up again. I recommend just blocking them.
4. Senior citizens are against this and are being bullied on all the pages. Defend them!! Make sure they vote.
5. They are organized, this page is all we have so utilize it.
6. Welcome all opinions, share info, be heard!!!
7. Actions are important, don't just talk about it, be about it. (Likes only do so much)

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The Real Nordonia

Michael Smith · Jul 13 · 🌐



It's that time!!!! 2 months ago, we were able to help the Emergency Assistance Center with a shortage. Next month, one, or maybe 2 local needy families, depending on donations, will receive school supplies a week or 2 before school starts. The goal is \$200, currently we're at a little over \$30. If you'd like to donate and help, you can cashapp \$therealnordonia, or venmo @legendfloorpros. 1 person will also get the \$80 TI-84 Plus calculator high schoolers need from me personally. Thank you ahead of time to everyone that helps.

fig (3)





fig(4)

What are the costs per sign?

4w Like Reply

Fig (5)



Michael Smith

[Joseph Scherma](#) looking around 1.75-2 bucks as of now, still looking for cheaper

4w Like Reply



Write a reply...



Tim Troglen

Do you have any idea how many signs you'd want to have printed up?

4w Like Reply



Michael Smith

[Tim Troglen](#) I'm thinking 200 would be sufficient.

4w Like Reply



Write a reply...