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Fort Worth Resident Files Complaint Alleging Illegal Campaign Finance Activities By Leonard Firestone

Fort Worth, Texas -

Recently a concerned Fort Worth resident filed a complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission alleging illegal campaign finance activities by Leonard Firestone, a Fort Worth City Council candidate.

Over half of Firestone's reported contributions on his April 1 campaign finance report are from out-of-state donors and special interest PACs. The complaint arises from a \$10,000 contribution on Firestone's report described as "Paxton Motheral Campaign." Firestone is responsible for making sure his campaign finance report is transparent and complies with the law. Anonymous campaign contributions are not allowed under the Texas Election Code.

Because the Paxton Motheral Campaign, which Firestone is listed as the treasurer of, failed to file a report and disclose the source of its contributions that comprised the \$10,000 expenditure to the Firestone campaign, Firestone is reporting an anonymous contribution. Moreover, Firestone's role as the Paxton Motheral Campaign treasurer raises suspicions that the parties conspired to avoid being transparent about the source of the \$10,000.

The resident filing the complaint is represented by Fort Worth attorney, Darren Keyes, who stated, "My client hopes Mr. Firestone's effort to avoid being transparent was negligent and not intentional. But either way residents are concerned that a candidate for office did not follow simple campaign finance laws."

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