SMALL DONOR ELECTIONS PORTLAND

August 26, 2026

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The Small Donor Elections Office has carefully reviewed your complaint (#2026-03-MG) regarding a video posted to Councilor Mitch Green's Instagram account.

Facts

The complaint to the Small Donor Elections program alleges that a video posted to Councilor Green's Instagram Reels on August 10, 2026, constitutes a contribution to the *Mitch for Portland* campaign and has a value above permitted contribution limits. The evidence provided is a still image that identifies the specific video.

The video was posted to Councilor Green's official city Instagram account. Mr. Green is running for City Council in the November 2026 general election. The video was posted on August 10, 2026, more than 60 days before the general election.

Reasoning

Small Donor Elections is a campaign finance program, regulating contributions to and expenditures of participating campaigns and administering matching funds.

The video is not a campaign contribution. The program uses the definition of "contribution" set forth in state law as of 2025 (ORS 260.005 and 260.007). It excludes "official publications produced or distributed by public employees" when issued more than 60 days before a general election. The video was posted on Councilor Green's official city account more than 60 days prior to the general election; therefore, it falls within the statutory exclusion.

Conclusion

Because the conduct described in the complaint is not, by definition, a contribution, there is no violation of Small Donor Elections contribution limits.

Sincerely,

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Susan Mottet
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City of Portland