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Re: Violation of Colorado Law pertinent to Don Suppes Senate campaign

Dear Mayor Suppes and Trustees:

I am enclosing with this letter a photograph of Mayor Suppes and others preparing campaign mailings supporting Mr. Suppes' candidacy for the Colorado State Senate. It is apparent from the photograph that these activities are taking place in the Town of Orchard City Town Hall.

You should all be aware that it is a violation of Colorado law for a city or town to make any contribution to a political campaign. Please see C.R.S. §1-45-117. Providing free or selective usage of Town property for campaign activities like this constitutes a contribution by the Town to Mr. Suppes' campaign.

The citizens of the Town of Orchard City – and the people of the State of Colorado – expect their elected officials to know and honor the letter and spirit of Colorado law. Your failure to do so in the context of Mr. Suppes' campaign is inexcusable. Among other things, you have subjected the Town and the taxpayers to substantial penalties under the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act.

This disregard of the law is particularly offensive when perpetrated by a public official – Mr. Suppes – in the context of his own political campaign for higher office.

Please immediately cease and desist from any further violations of Colorado law. And I would appreciate your advising the public how and why this violation was permitted to happen.

Sincerely,



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