

IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

In re the Matter of: Jacob Schrader, Complainant And Concerning: Anthony LaBruna, in the Capacity as Candidate and Treasurer for LaBruna for Iowa, Respondent	FC 2022-08 Order Accepting Complaint for Legal Sufficiency and Purposes of Investigation
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THIS MATTER comes before the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board this 26th day of May, 2022, to consider the acceptance of a formal complaint.

On May 23, 2022, Jacob Schrader filed FC 2022-08 alleging that Anthony LaBruna violated Iowa Code chapter 68A from January 2022 to the present. Complainant alleges that Respondent inaccurately filed their May 19, 2022, campaign disclosure report by failing to report contributions and expenditures.

Respondent filed their Statement of Organization with the Board on February 1, 2022. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 68A.401(1)(a), Respondent was required to file their campaign disclosure report for the period of January 1, 2022, to May 14, 2022, no later than May 19, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. Respondent did file the report on time, however, evidence subsequently provided indicates that the report is inaccurate.

Respondent reported receiving \$0.00 in contributions and making \$0.00 in expenditures. However, evidence provided by Complainant shows that, from the period of January 1, 2022, to May 14, 2022, Respondent's committee was responsible for providing, among other things, the following:

- 1) Campaign brochures
- 2) Fundraising letters
- 3) Vehicle wraps
- 4) T-shirts
- 5) Yard signs of various sizes
- 6) Campaign website

Many of the aforementioned materials include the attribution statement "Paid for by LaBruna for Iowa." However, as noted above, the campaign disclosure report states that no contributions or expenditures were received or made by the committee. A review of the evidence provided indicates that Respondent's May 19, 2022, campaign disclosure report is incomplete and inaccurate.

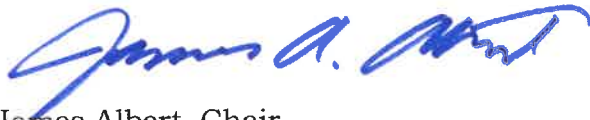
Iowa Code section 68B.32(4) states that a complaint is legally sufficient if it alleges all of the following: (1) facts that would establish a violation of a provision of Iowa Code chapters 68A, 68B, Iowa Code section 8.7, or rules adopted by the Board; (2) facts that would establish that the conduct providing the basis of the complaint occurred within

three years of the complaint; and, (3) facts that would establish that the subject of the complaint is a party subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

The Board determines the allegations in FC 2022-08 meet the necessary requirements for legal sufficiency.

IT IS SO ORDERED: Pursuant to Iowa Code section 68B.32B(6), FC 2022-08 is hereby accepted and shall be referred to Board staff for investigation of the allegations therein.

BY DIRECTION AND VOTE OF THE BOARD:



James Albert, Chair
Elaine Olson, Vice Chair
Jonathan Roos
Mary Rueter
Daniel Jessop
Leah Rodenberg

SUBMITTED BY:

Zachary S. Goodrich, Executive Director and Legal Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent by electronic mail on this 27th day of May, 2022, to:

Jacob Schrader, Complainant
Anthony LaBruna, Respondent