



## Board of Elections

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November 10, 2005

Mr. Joe Signoretti  
1220 Trotter Bluffs Drive  
Holly Springs, North Carolina 27540

Re: Complaints, Political Activity in Holly Springs 2005 Election

Dear Joe:

Enclosed please find copies of complaint correspondence, related documents, and subsequent letters mailed today in regard to political activity in the Holly Springs Municipal Elections.

Pursuant to North Carolina law, these complaints have been forwarded to the North Carolina State Board of Elections for investigation.

If I may answer any questions in regard to the contents of this packet, please call me at 856-6742.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela".

Angela T. Pace  
Campaign Finance Director

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November 8, 2005

Ms. Kim Westbrook Strach  
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North Carolina State Board of Elections  
Post Office Box 27255  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7255

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Mr. Vane A Crandall  
4813 Salem Ridge Road  
Holly Springs, North Carolina 27540

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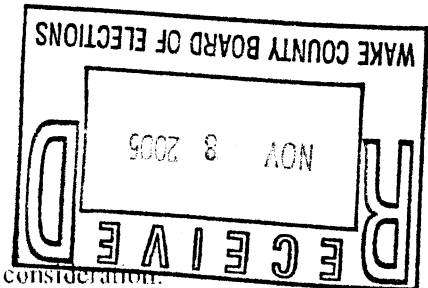
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fax to: 919-856-5864  
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Mr. John H Gilbert  
C/O Ms. Angela Pace  
Wake County Board of Elections  
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-0695



Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I respectfully submit this written complaint for your review and consideration.

This complaint is associated with questionable and perhaps unlawful campaign activities related to the November 8, 2005 municipal election in Holly Springs, North Carolina. The complaint pertains to unidentified sources and related funding of distributed campaign materials.

The campaign materials in question that were widely distributed, appear to be jointly sponsored and/or endorsed by current Holly Springs elected officials, candidates pursuing re-election and a "write-in" candidate.

Specifically, on Monday, November 7, 2005, a two-sided flyer was attached to residential mailboxes within Holly Springs. Each side of the flyer appears to be authored by two current Holly Springs elected officials – one of which is running unopposed for re-election.

One side of the flyer is titled: "**ATTENTION VOTERS**", and is signed by "**Dick Sears, Mayor**". The second side of the flyer is titled: "**VOTE TUESDAY**" and is signed by "**Peter Atwell, Councilman**".

Neither page of the said flyer identifies who is responsible and paid for the flyer.

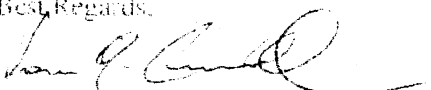
In this regard, I just completed a phone call with Ms. Angela Pace, Wake County Campaign Finance Director. Ms. Pace indicated that a formal written complaint would be necessary to review and address the issue. Ms. Pace indicated that she has already received copies of the campaign materials from other sources – which is the same rationale for this complaint.

This correspondence is being faxed to WCBOE at 919-856-5864, along with copies of the said flyer. I will also follow-up and send the same via U.S. Mail.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

  
Vane A. Crandall

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Councilman

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Dick Sears  
Mayor



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**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL**

To: Kim Westbrook Strach

Total Pages including Transmittal Sheet: 4

Date: November 8, 2005

Fax Number: 715-8047

Hi, Kim – being faxed are Mr. Crandall's letter (to be followed by the original mailed) of complaint and the two letters attached as one flier to mailboxes in Holly Springs.

I will also be forwarding to you an email from another complainant.

Call me with any questions – and thank you!

*Angela*



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Business Development Manager  
Amkor/Unitive  
140 Southcenter Court  
Suite 600  
Morrisville, North Carolina 27560

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Marco Longo  
<mlong@amkor.com>  
11/08/2005 10:47 AM

To: apace@co.wake.nc.us  
cc:  
Subject: Re: Election Documents for review

Angela,

Pages 1/2 were front/back of a letter on the outside of our mailbox. Page 3 was an insert to the Holly Springs Sun. And pages 4/5 were handed out, but I don't know where. I'll have to ask my wife about the last one to find out where we got it.

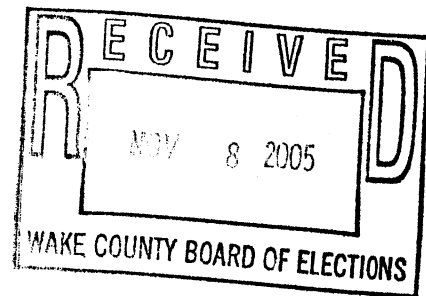
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apace -

11/08/2005 10:20 AM

To: Marco Longo/MONC/AAWW@AMKOR  
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Good morning! Before I forward this as a "heads-up" to the State Board of Elections Campaign Reporting Office staff, I need to know how and if the letters were distributed or if only in the newspaper and how the fliers were received - were they taped to mailboxes, mailed? Thanks!

Angela T. Pace  
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Marco Longo

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Angela,

Attached are the documents used in the Holly Springs Town Council race. I have sent an email message to Dick Sears asking for him to verify if the letter which appears to be from him is, indeed, but have not heard a reply.

I've sent the package to Dr. Gilbert (to your attention) by mail today. Please let me know if there is any more I must do. I don't like for folks to play dirty in campaigns, and can hardly believe it is happening in a small town such as Holly Springs. But then again, this is politics...

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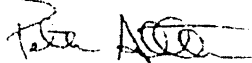
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# JOE SIGNORETTI

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR HOLLY SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

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- Joe Signoretti is a 10 year resident of Holly Springs.
- A key member of the planning board, Joe has represented the best interests of Holly Springs residents for 2 years.
- Joe Signoretti is a strong advocate for supporting and improving Holly Springs parks and recreation programs.
- A regular attendee at town council meetings, Joe knows the issues that face the town and has excellent working relationships with town staff.
- Joe Signoretti is outspoken about the need for quality, thoughtful development and high appearance standards for our town.
- A team player and an independent thinker, Joe believes open communication with residents, staff and policy makers is the key to success.

"I always take a 'roll up the sleeves' approach to representing my neighbors. Whether I see a problem or an opportunity to improve something in our town, rather than just being a critic, I've helped be a part of the solution. That's the same approach I'll take in representing you as a councilman. As Councilman, I'll work hard at getting you the information and representation you need and I'll vote for what's right for our growing town. I want to see our town continue to be the best choice for families and businesses looking for a place to call home."

*-Joe Signoretti*

### ◆ Why do you need to WRITE-IN "SIGNORETTI" at the bottom of the ballot?

Joe's name will not be pre-printed on the ballot. Joe initially planned on maintaining his position on the town planning board. He recently decided to run for town council due to his dissatisfaction with the non-incumbent candidates and at the urging of many friends and neighbors.

To ensure the QUALITIES of Holly Springs:

3 VOTE FOR THE 2 INCUMBENTS- HANK DICKSON AND CHET VAN FOSSEN  
4 WRITE IN VOTE FOR "JOE SIGNORETTI" AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BALLOT

-----tear here and bring this to the polls with you-----

Vote incumbent- Dickson, Van Fossen and WRITE IN Joe Signoretti

# Joe Signoretti

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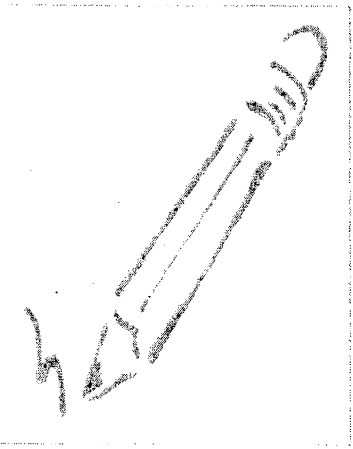
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*~Joe Signoretti~*

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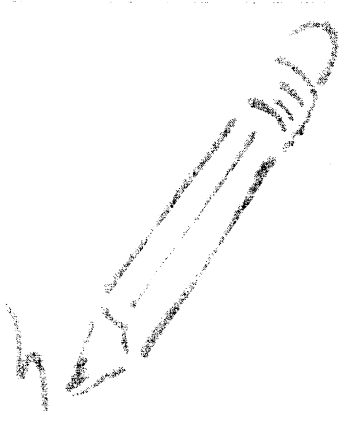
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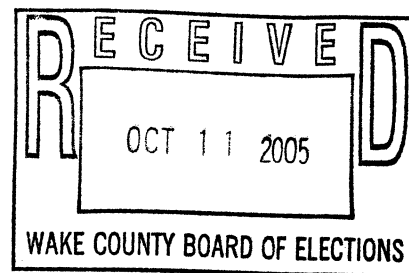
# Statement of Organization - Candidate Committee

Amendment  
 Yes  No

<b>1. Committee Information</b>				
a. Full Name Joseph Signoretti		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">RECEIVED</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">OCT 11 2005</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold;">WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS</div>		
b. Mailing Address (include City, State and Zip Code) 1220 Trotter Bluffs Drive Holly Springs, NC 27540				c. ID Number
				d. Date Organized 10/11/2005
				e. Phone Number (919) 552-1979 <i>552-1979</i>
<b>2. Candidate Information</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate's Primary Committee				
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<i>(If office sought is nonpartisan, write "Nonpartisan" in [d] Party Affiliation.)</i>				
<b>3. Treasurer Information</b>		<b>4. Custodian of Books Information</b>		
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c. Phone Number (919) 552-1979	d. Email Address dsignoretti@nc.rr.com	c. Phone Number (919) 552-1979	d. Email Address dsignoretti@nc.rr.com	
<b>5. Assistant Treasurer Information</b>		<b>6. Account Information (incl. CRO-3500)</b>		
a. Full Name		a. Financial Institution Full Name		
		STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION		
b. Mailing Address (include City, State, and Zip Code)		b. Purpose		
		PERSONAL CHECKING		
c. Phone Number	d. Email Address	c. Code	d. Type	
		A1	CHECKING	
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>				
I certify that the Committee is in compliance with all provisions of Article 22A, including that no funds are commingled with funds for a federal or out-of-state PAC. I further say that this report is complete, true and correct.				
<u>JOSEPH SIGNORETTI</u> Printed Name of Signer		<u></u> Signature of Appointed Treasurer		
		<u>10-11-2005</u> Date		



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### Certification of Treasurer

**FILED BY:**

Candidate Name: Joseph Signoretti  
 Treasurer Name: Joseph Signoretti  
 Treasurer Address: 1220 Trotter Bluffs Drive  
 (include city, state, & zip) Holly Springs, NC 27540  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Treasurer Phone: 552-1979

I certify that the above information is correct, and I, as candidate, appoint said treasurer to personally fulfill the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the appointed treasurer and subject to the penalties and sanctions in *Subchapter VIII. Regulation of Election Campaigns* of Chapter 163 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

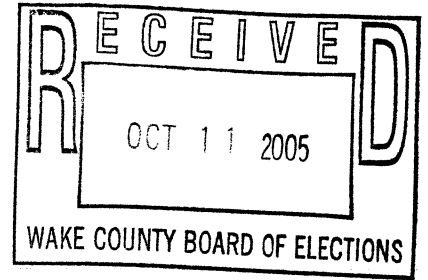
I understand that if the above Treasurer changes, it will be necessary to certify a new treasurer and amend the existing Statement of Organization within 10 days of the vacancy.

10-11-2005  
 Date Signed

Signature of Candidate



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### Certification of Threshold

**FILED BY:**

Committee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Signoretti  
 Treasurer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Signoretti  
 Treasurer Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 1220 Trotter Bluffs Drive  
 (include city, state, & zip) \_\_\_\_\_ Holly Springs, NC 27540  
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 Treasurer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 919-779-3242

Check One:

I certify that this committee intends to neither receive nor expend more than \$3,000 during the current election cycle under the procedures set forth in G.S. 163-278.10A. This certification will remain in effect until the end of the election cycle for this committee. If this committee exceeds \$3,000 in contributions or expenditures during this election cycle, I understand that I must immediately notify the appropriate board of elections and file required campaign finance reports.

I am withdrawing my Certification to remain under the \$3000 threshold. I will now be required to file the next scheduled report for all contributions and expenditures that have not been previously reported from the beginning of the current election cycle. I further agree to file all future reports required.

10-11-2005  
 Date Signed

Signature

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001 SESSION LAW 2001-512  
SENATE BILL 1014

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LITTERING LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:.....

**SECTION 7.** Article 3 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-22.3. State Board of Elections littering notification.** At the time an individual files with the State Board of Elections a notice of candidacy pursuant to G.S. 163-106, 163- 112, 163-291, 163-294.2, or 163-323, is certified to the State Board of Elections by a political party executive committee to fill a nomination vacancy pursuant to G.S. 163-114, is certified to the State Board of Elections by a new political party as that party's nominee pursuant to G.S. 163-98, qualifies with the State Board of Elections as an unaffiliated or write-in candidate pursuant to Article 11 of this Chapter, or formally initiates a candidacy with the State Board of Elections pursuant to any statute or local act, the State Board of Elections shall notify the candidate of the provisions concerning campaign signs in G.S. 136-32 and G.S. 14-156, and the rules adopted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to G.S. 136-18."

**SECTION 8.** Article 4 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-33.3. County board of elections littering notification.** At the time an individual files with a county board of elections a notice of candidacy pursuant to G.S. 163-106, 163- 112, 163-291, or 163-294.2, is certified to a county board of elections by a political party executive committee to fill a nomination vacancy pursuant to G.S. 163-114, qualifies with a county board of elections as an unaffiliated or write-in candidate pursuant to Article 11 of this Chapter, or formally initiates with a county board of elections a candidacy pursuant to any statute or local act, the county board of elections shall notify the candidate of the provisions concerning campaign signs in G.S. 136-32 and G.S. 14-156 and the rules adopted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to G.S. 136-18.

(Note: Only the sections pertaining to elections have been set out herein. The majority of the bill deals with increased criminal penalties for littering.)

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This is to certify that the Wake County Board of Elections has informed me of G.S. 163-33.3 as noted above.

  
SIGNATURE

10-11-2005  
DATE