

BEFORE THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

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| ALASKA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH |) | |
| GROUP & 907 INITIATIVE, |) | |
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| Complainants, |) | |
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| v. |) | |
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| BRETT HUBER, STRATEGIC SYMETRIES, LLC, |) | |
| ET AL. |) | |
| |) | APOC Case No. 22-01-CD |
| Respondents. |) | |

ANSWER

COMES NOW, A Stronger Alaska (hereinafter “ASA”), by and through its local counsel of record Holmes Weddle & Barcott, P.C., hereby files its answer to the above-captioned complaint.

As an initial matter, ASA denies that the facts alleged in the complaint are true. ASA specifically maintains that there has been absolutely no Coordination between ASA, the official office of Governor Dunleavy, and the Dunleavy for Governor campaign.

The Complaint essentially alleges one violation against ASA—that ASA in its capacity as an independent expenditure entity improperly Coordinated with the official office of Governor Dunleavy and the Dunleavy for Governor campaign. The Complaint offers no hard evidence—or even facts—demonstrating Coordination. The Complaint does not allege that ASA communicated in any way with the official office of Governor Dunleavy or the Dunleavy for Governor campaign regarding election or campaign related issues. The Complaint does not allege that ASA acted in any way at the request of or in cooperation with the Dunleavy for Governor campaign. In sum, the Complaint completely fails to allege facts that demonstrate ASA acted in any way in “direct or indirect consultation or cooperation with, or at the

suggestion or the request of, or with the prior consent of, a candidate, a candidate's campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, or another person acting as a principal or agent of the candidate[.]” AS 15.13.400(11). Based on the utter lack of any evidence or proper allegation of Coordination it is clear that the Complaint is simply a political effort to score partisan points in the press.

Quite opposite to the false narrative presented in the Complaint, all ASA contractors had resigned any position they may have had with the Dunleavy for Governor campaign before their engagement with ASA. Any appearance of overlap is simply due to delays in updated reporting. There has been no Coordination between ASA and the official office of Governor Dunleavy or the Dunleavy for Governor campaign, nor is there any evidence of the same in the Complaint.

It is simply not true that serving as a contractor for ASA precludes that contractor from serving other similarly-interested entities, as long as there is no Coordination. And, there is no Coordination actually alleged in the Complaint. Indeed, in an effort to hurt is opponent, allies of Bill Walker attempt to abuse the administrative process before APOC to gain political advantage.¹

Simply put, ASA has not violated any Alaska law, and the Commission must dismiss the unmeritorious Complaint without delay to conserve judicial resources, as well as the resources of ASA.

¹ This is further demonstrated by the Complaint's repeated citations to expedited law before APOC without any attempt by Complainants to actually expedite the Complaint. The only explanation for this is that Complainants wish to draw out any negative press gained by the present action.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2022.

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