

**FORMAL COMPLAINT  
INDIANA ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS**

Monroe County Election Board  
501 N Morton Street  
Bloomington, Indiana 47404

From: Karen Wheeler, April 28, 2026

Re: Electioneering Violations, Campaign Compliance, and Misrepresentation by Candidate

I hereby submit this formal complaint regarding multiple violations of Indiana election law committed by a candidate during early voting at 501 N Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47404.

**1. Campaign Signs Without Required Disclaimer** - Campaign signs were observed that did not include the legally required disclaimer identifying who paid for the communication. Such conduct appears to violate Indiana Code 3-9-2-10 and Indiana Code 3-9-2-11.

**2. Electioneering Inside the Chute (50-Foot Protected Zone)** (April 16, 2026 – Approximately 12:58 PM). On the above date and time, a candidate was observed within the designated chute area (50 feet from each entrance to the polling location) at 501 N Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47404. Video evidence documents the candidate moving through the chute to access voters on the opposite side and engage in electioneering activity. The candidate was observed traversing the chute in a manner inconsistent with its legal purpose. This conduct appears to violate Indiana Code 3-11-3-16.

**3. Following a Voter After Voting** (April 16, 2026 – Approximately 12:01 PM). On the above date and time, a candidate was observed following a voter down the street after she had already cast her ballot. The voter was a woman utilizing a wheelchair. This conduct raises serious concerns regarding voter intimidation and improper post-voting engagement. This may constitute violations of Indiana Code 3-14-3-21 and Indiana Code 3-11-3-16.

**4. Potentially Misleading Representation of Legal Credentials.** The candidate has publicly described himself as a “practicing jurist of law.” This characterization may mislead voters into believing the candidate holds formal legal credentials, such as licensure as an attorney or service as a judge. If the candidate does not possess such qualifications, this representation may constitute a misleading or deceptive campaign practice. This raises concerns under Indiana Code 3-14-3-21 and Indiana Code 3-9-3. Pattern of Conduct in the

above-described actions collectively demonstrate a pattern of disregard for Indiana election law and established voter protection.

**Request for Action**

I respectfully request that the Monroe County Election Board conduct a thorough investigation, determine whether violations have occurred, and impose appropriate enforcement measures as authorized by law. Photographic and video evidence documenting these violations are attached, including documentation of non-compliant signage, electioneering within the chute, and post-voting voter interaction.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Karen Wheeler

April 28, 2026

Signature

Date

I came to vote 4/30/24 about 1:15 pm  
and as I walked from a handicapped  
space in the lot was approached as I  
reached the corner of the building I was  
approached by a candidate for city clerk  
Joe Davis who talked quickly and at  
length as I tried to continue walking about  
his candidacy and his qualifications  
for the office and finally walked away from  
him as he was still talking. A lady  
with long blond hair had walked up ~~behind~~  
behind him and though I don't know, I  
felt she was waiting to speak to me when he  
was done. In any case, he was still with  
me as I turned the corner and walked  
toward the entry door.

Carol Magary  
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(I actually felt trapped by him)