BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF COLORADO

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE TERMINATION OF INACTIVE COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO RULE 2.10 OF THE RULES CONCERNING CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE

THIS MATTER came before the Secretary of State for a Hearing on May 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., to consider whether the Secretary of State should administratively close the following committees, pursuant to Rule 2.10 of the Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance, 8 CCR 1505-6 ("Rule 2.10"):

- Ames Parents Protecting Littleton Education (APPLE), SOS ID 20085644688. Registered Agent: Lee Freedman
- Citizens for Responsible Local Government, SOS ID 20065635907. Registered Agent: Deborah Krause
- Colorado Reform Party, SOS ID 19991400300. Registered Agent: Monica Sweere
- Colorado Right-to-Work Committee, SOS ID 20075628919. Registered Agent: John Berry
- Committee to Elect Deborah Hall, SOS ID 20065640033. Registered Agent: Peggy Thompson
- Committee to Elect Errol Snider Jr., SOS ID 20055624170. Registered Agent: Brian Gdovin
- Committee to Elect Jody Davis for Mineral County Sheriff, SOS ID 20065639825. Registered Agent: Jody Davis
- Committee to Elect Matt Lindberg, SOS ID 20065648707. Registered Agent: Deborah Shelton
- Committee to Elect Michael L. Bliss, SOS ID 20055624689. Registered Agent: Kenneth Bohling
- Germano for Assessor, SOS ID 20065641290. Registered Agent: Serena Swanson
- James R. Phillips, SOS ID 20085616869. Registered Agent: James Phillips
- Support Your Local Fire District Committee, SOS ID 20075623921. Registered Agent: Ellis Howard
- Women of Color United, SOS ID 20085623631. Registered Agent: Karon Hatchett

Deputy Secretary of State William A. Hobbs ("Deputy Secretary") presided over the hearing on behalf of the Secretary of State in accordance with section 24-21-105, C.R.S. The Deputy Secretary has considered evidence administratively noticed, including the relevant public records published on the Secretary of State's web site in accordance with section 1-45-109, C.R.S., and the legal basis for terminating the named committees. The Deputy Secretary is fully advised of

the premises herein, and specifically finds there is substantial and credible evidence in the record to support his findings and that there is a reasonable basis in the law to support this Decision.

Accordingly, the Deputy Secretary makes the following findings, conclusions of law, and order:

Procedural History

1. Prior to the commencement of this proceeding, the Office of the Secretary of State identified registered committees, including the above-named committees, that had not filed any campaign and political finance reports as required by section 1-45-108, C.R.S. (2010), for a period of two years or more, and which were therefore eligible for administration termination pursuant to Rule 2.10.

2. The Secretary properly published a "Notice of Hearing on the Closure of Inactive Committees" on the Secretary of State website on March 29, 2011, and in the Colorado Register on April 10, 2011. Notice of the hearing was also sent by first-class mail to the Registered Agent of record for each committee publicly noticed.

3. In accordance with the public Notice, the Deputy Secretary held a public hearing on the administrative terminations of the 13 above-named committees on May 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Blue Spruce Room at the Colorado Secretary of State's Offices, located at 1700 Broadway in Denver, Colorado. The hearing was conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the "State Administrative Procedure Act" (Article 4 of Title 24, C.R.S.). Present at the hearing were: Deputy Secretary of State William A. Hobbs, Campaign Finance Lead Stephen Bouey, Campaign Finance Legal Specialist Paris Nelson, and Elections Director Judd Choate, all appearing on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Appearances

4. No person or committee appeared or testified.

Documentary Evidence

5. The Secretary of State's office presented evidence that adequate public notice had been given for the termination of the noticed committees.

6. The Deputy Secretary took administrative notice that all of the committees subject to the termination determination had failed to file any campaign finance reports required by section 1-45-108, C.R.S., for a minimum of two consecutive years, as reflected by records maintained by the Secretary on the campaign finance disclosure website TRACER.

7. No committee or agent authorized to act on behalf of any committee, or any member of the public, submitted documentary evidence for consideration.

Conclusions of Law

8. With respect to the committees listed below, the Deputy Secretary finds and concludes that the publicly available records of this office establish that the named committees are subject to termination. Authority for administrative termination of committees registered with the Secretary of State is provided by Article XXVIII, Section 9 of the Colorado Constitution and Rule 2.10.

Final Agency Decision

9. The following committees are hereby ordered terminated pursuant to Rule 2.10. The effective date of termination is May 11, 2011.
    - Ames Parents Protecting Littleton Education (APPLE), SOS ID 20085644688. Registered Agent: Lee Freedman
    - Citizens for Responsible Local Government, SOS ID 20065635907. Registered Agent: Deborah Krause
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10. All late filing penalties accrued in accordance with Article XXVIII Section 10(2)(a) of the Colorado Constitution through the date of this Decision are hereby imposed. In accordance with regular practices of the Office, the Secretary of State will attempt to collect such penalties for a period of 60 days, at which time they may be turned over to the State's collections agency.

11. Pursuant to section 24-4-106 (4), C.R.S., this decision may be appealed by commencing an action for judicial review in the Denver District Court within thirty days of the date of this Decision.

Done this 17th day of May, 2011, *nunc pro tunc* May 11, 2011.

COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE

William A. Hobbs

William A. Hobbs, Deputy Secretary of State,
on behalf of Scott Gessler, Secretary of State