

August 20, 2021

Kate Wall, Town Clerk
Town of Berlin, Connecticut
240 Kensington Road
Berlin, CT 06037

Dear Ms. Wall,

I am writing this letter to file an ethics complaint against Town Councilor JoAnn Angelico-Stetson, 188 Stony Mill Lane, Berlin, CT. She is in violation of Ethics Policy Section 1-5, Subsection (a), and (c), regarding the disclosure of confidential information from Complaint #- 2020-01.

Section 1-5. Confidentiality of complaints, evaluations of possible violations and investigations. Publication of findings.

(a) Unless the Board makes a finding of a violation, a complaint alleging a violation shall be confidential except upon the request of the respondent or where otherwise prohibited by the Freedom of Information Act.

(c) If the Board makes a finding of no violation, the complaint and the record of it's investigation shall remain confidential, except upon the request of the respondent or where prohibited by the Freedom of Information Act. No complainant, respondent, witness, designated party, or Board or staff member shall disclose to any third party any information learned from the investigation, including knowledge of the existence of a complaint, which the disclosing party would not otherwise have known. The Board shall inform the complainant and the respondent of its findings by registered or certified mail not later than three (3) business days after termination of the hearing or investigation.

On October 22, 2020, a Berlin resident received in the mail a political advertisement from JoAnn Angelico-Stetson. This political advertisement included a picture of me, Donna Veach, her opponent and the following statement above my picture: VEACH HAS BEEN IN OFFICE LESS THAN A YEAR AND IS ALREADY UNDER BOARD OF ETHICS REVIEW FOR IGNORING TOWN RULES AND HIDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

The attribution on the flyer states: Paid by Berlin Democrat Town Committee, Richard Price Treasurer. Approved by JoAnn Stetson.

Also, Ms. Stetson used the same advertisement described above to place an Ad on Facebook. The Ad ID # is 727942091139735, scheduled to run October 26, 2020 to October 28, 2020 and the amount of money spent was \$100.

I have enclosed a copy of both sides of the political advertisement mailed and documentation from her campaign page regarding the Facebook Ad, as evidence to support my complaint.

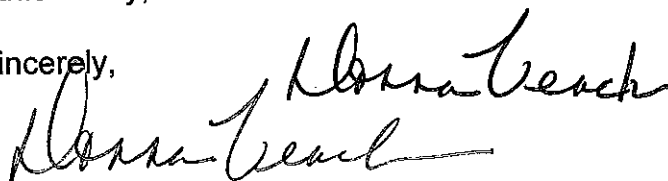
Ms. Stetson not only stated information that is inaccurate due to the complaint being dismissed, but her statement is making reference to ethics complaint # 2020-01, which is confidential due to its dismissal. Ms. Stetson violated ethics Policy Section 1-5, Subsection (a) and (c).

Also, the question remains as to how Ms. Stetson obtained the details and existence of the Complaint #-2020-01.

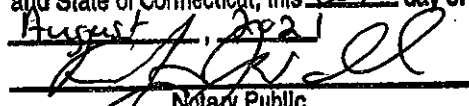
Ms. Stetson, as a Berlin Town Councilor, betrayed the trust of our residents and she was grossly unethical by not only releasing confidential information to the public but putting it on a political advertisement, for her political gain.

I hope the Ethics Board finds Ms. Stetson in violation and enforces Section 1-6 of the Ethic Policy, to its fullest extent.

Sincerely,



Donna Veach
1218 1218 High Road
Kensington, CT 06037

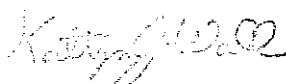
Subscribed and Sworn to before me, a Notary
Public, in and for County of Hartford
and State of Connecticut, this 24 day of
August, 2021

Notary Public
Date Commission Expires _____

KATHRYN J. WALL
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 28, 2023

Enclosure- Political advertisement mailed by JoAnn Angelico-Stetson
Facebook ad from campaign page

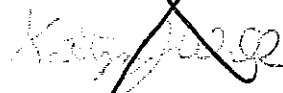
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JOANN ANGELICO-STETSON

for STATE REPRESENTATIVE

bid for By Berlin Democratic Town Committee. Richard Price Treasurer. Approved by JoAnn Stetson.



2024



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Filters

Launched October 2020



Inactive

Oct 26, 2020 - Oct 28, 2020

ID: 727942091139735

**JoAnn Angelico-Stetson**

Sponsored • Paid for by JoAnn 2020

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[JoAnn Angelico-Stetson](#)[Learn More](#)



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JoAnn Angelico-Stetson

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Information from the advertiser



JoAnn 2020 provided the following info to Facebook which was confirmed using an employer identification number (EIN).

Submitted Aug 12, 2020



Disclaimer

JoAnn 2020



Phone Number

+18605108948



Email

campaign@joann2020.com



Website

<http://www.JoAnn2020.com/>



Address

92 Cottage Street, East Berlin, Connecticut 06023,
US





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Data Behind the Ad



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Potential Reach

This is an estimate of the size of the audience that's eligible to see this ad. It's based on targeting criteria, ad placements and how many people were shown ads on Facebook apps and services in the past 30 days... [See More](#)



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Impressions

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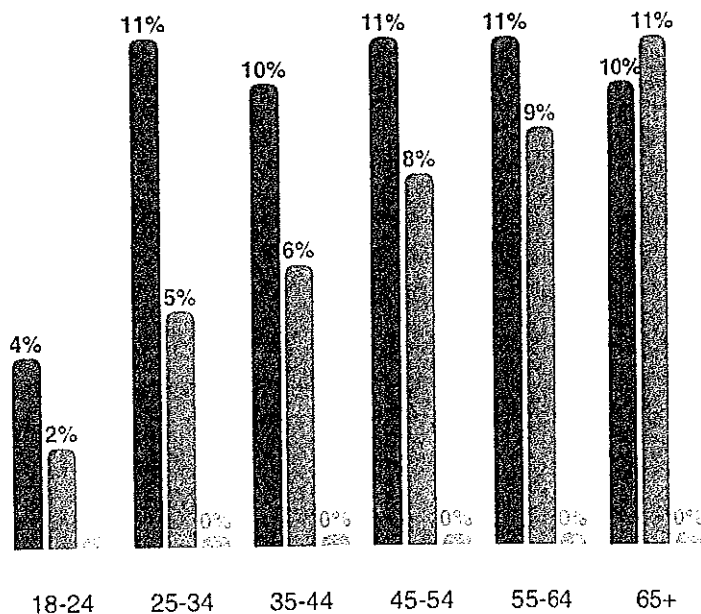
Who Was Shown This Ad

The age and gender breakdowns of people who saw this ad.

Men

Women

Unknown



Unofficial Transcript
Town Council Meeting
September 15, 2020

Excerpt:

Veatch: Yeah, we need to have an analysis that breaks down the different options that are available because we need to do good by this [inaudible] we need to crunch the numbers now, let's crunch the numbers.

Angelico-Stetson: One other thing I just wanted to... with all due respect... is there not a conflict of interest with the Councilor being...

Veatch: Well I can certainly voice my opinion; I don't have to take a vote so I can voice my opinion.

Angelico-Stetson: Absolutely, no question. I'm just saying...

Veatch: [inaudible]

Angelico-Stetson: I got it, good... I'm just wondering, moving forward, if there is a conflict of interest considering the circumstances.

Veatch: Not at all.

Angelico-Stetson: I think that's a legitimate question. We should defer to Counsel on that.

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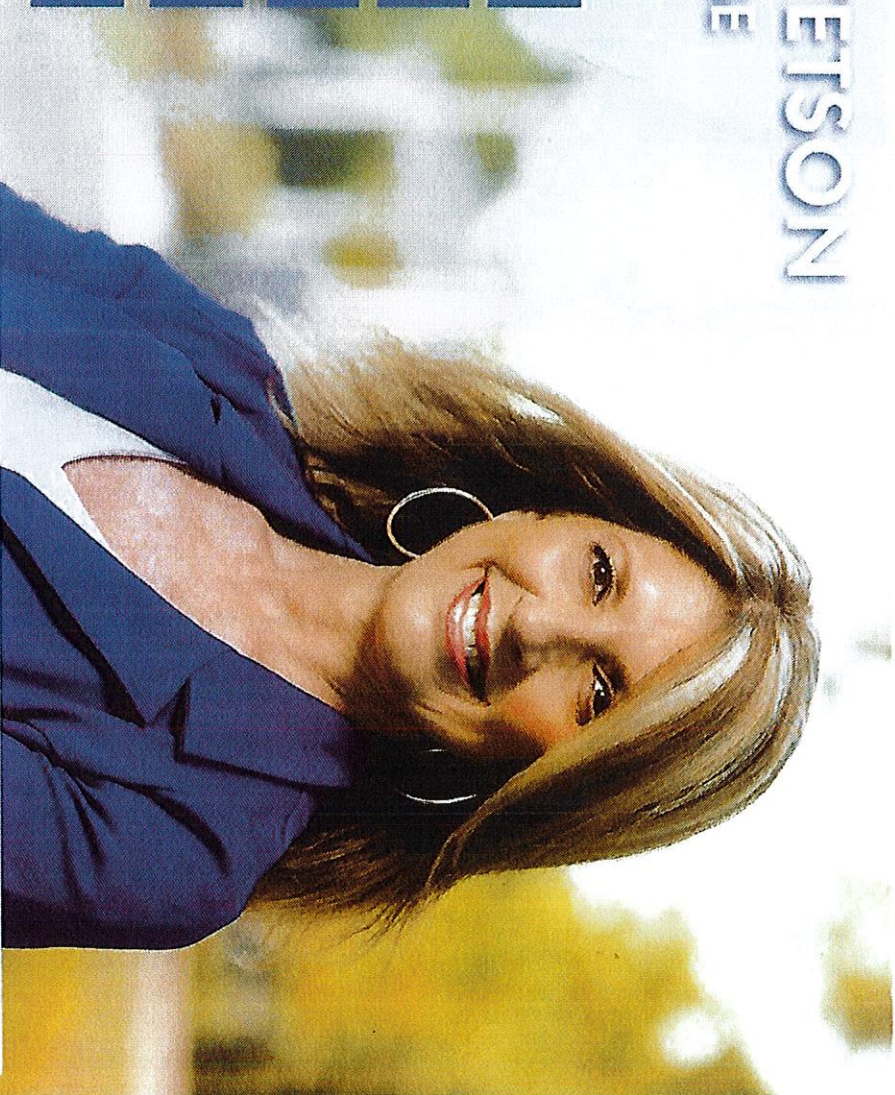
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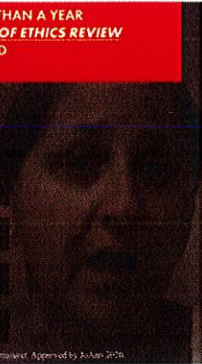
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State Elections Enforcement Commission

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SEARCH TYPE

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Committee	Committee Type	Payee Name	Purpose of Expenditure	Description	City	State	Method of Payment	Date of Payment	Amount	File to State	Election Year	Status	DS	R-FE	Committee Party Affiliation
Abercrombie for State Rep. (SEEC30)	Candidate Committee	Christian Damiana	WAGE(Wages and benefits paid to the committee's staff)	Digital Director	Berlin	CT	Check	10/26/2020	225.00	10/28/2020	2020	Amended eFILE NO			Democrat
JoAnn 2020 (SEEC30)	Candidate Committee	Christian Damiana	WAGE(Wages and benefits paid to the committee's staff)	salary	Berlin	CT	Check	12/21/2020	500.00	01/10/2021	2020	Original eFILE NO			Democrat
Abercrombie for State Rep. (SEEC30)	Candidate Committee	Christian Damiana	WAGE(Wages and benefits paid to the committee's staff)	Digital Director	Berlin	CT	Check	08/28/2020	225.00	10/01/2020	2020	Original eFILE NO			Democrat
Abercrombie for State Rep. (SEEC30)	Candidate Committee	Christian Damiana	WAGE(Wages and benefits paid to the committee's staff)	Digital Director	Berlin	CT	Check	09/08/2020	225.00	10/01/2020	2020	Original eFILE NO			Democrat
Abercrombie for State Rep. (SEEC30)	Candidate Committee	Christian Damiana	WAGE(Wages and benefits paid to the committee's staff)	Digital Director	Berlin	CT	Check	09/14/2020	225.00	10/01/2020	2020	Original eFILE NO			Democrat
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Abercrombie for State Rep. (SEEC30)	Candidate Committee	Christian Damiana	WAGE(Wages and benefits paid to the committee's staff)	Digital Director	Berlin	CT	Check	10/12/2020	225.00	10/21/2020	2020	Original eFILE NO			Democrat
Abercrombie for State Rep. (SEEC30)	Candidate Committee	Christian Damiana	WAGE(Wages and benefits paid to the committee's staff)	Weeks 9-12	Berlin	CT	Check	11/02/2020	1125.00	01/04/2021	2020	Original eFILE NO			Democrat
Abercrombie for State Rep. (SEEC30)	Candidate Committee	Christian Damiana	RMB(Reimbursement - formerly RCW)	DreamHost	Berlin	CT	Check	11/02/2020	67.39	01/04/2021	2020	Original eFILE NO			Democrat

Total Amount: \$3,492.39

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