

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
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Isanti, MN 55040

MN Tea Party Alliance
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New Leadership PAC
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Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

INTRODUCTION

At best the violators in this case have cavalierly ignored all relevant campaign finance laws resulting in a series of violations; at worst they have systematically colluded and coordinated joint campaign activity between the candidate and political committees in clear violation of Minnesota campaign finance law. The facts which form the basis for this complaint, all taken from their own words, actions, and reports demonstrate that it is the later. Candidate Alan Duff, his agents, and leaders and agent of the Minnesota Tea Party Alliance and New Leadership PAC have colluded and coordinated their activity in one of the most brazen and public violations of Minnesota campaign finance law to date.

Candidate Duff, the Minnesota Tea Party Alliance, and New Leadership PAC have systematically colluded and coordinated to violate, at least, Minnesota's campaign finance laws concerning:

- candidate contribution limits,
- independent expenditure requirements,
- independent expenditure disclaimer requirements, and
- disclosure of receipts and expenditures.

Their illegal activity is well documented on the record and in their campaign finance reports. In short, candidate Duff, the Minnesota Tea Party Alliance, and New Leadership PAC have (in whole or in part) effectuated their collusion and coordination in the following ways:

- Through the use of a shared vendor Veni Graphic, owned and operated by Donald Niemi (who also is a leader of the Minnesota Tea Party Alliance) candidate Duff, the Tea Party Alliance and New Leadership PAC coordinated content and timing of campaign material in support of Alan Duff's candidacy.
- On multiple occasions the candidate himself (and his agents) and agents of one of the political committees involved have utilized a Tea Party-sponsored podcast to collude and coordinate campaign activity, going so far as to celebrate and boast about their activity.

This Complaint requires neither speculation nor conjecture, all of the facts establishing clear, consistent, and multiple campaign finance violations are taken directly from the words spoken by Candidate Duff and agents of the Minnesota Tea Party Alliance, and the campaign material distributed and the reports filed under oath by all involved herein.

FACTS

The Parties and their close ties.

1. Duff (Alan) 4 House is the principal campaign committee for Alan Duff in his election campaign for Minnesota House District 31A in the 2016 primary election. It registered with the Board on June 6, 2016.¹
2. MN Tea Party Alliance is a Political Committee that registered with the Board on April 25, 2013. The Chair of the MN Tea Party Alliance is Jack Rogers of Ham Lake, MN. The Treasurer of MN Tea Party Alliance is Don L. Niemi of Andover, MN. MN Tea Party Alliance engages in express advocacy via "independent expenditure" communications.²

¹ Ex. A.

² Ex. B.

3. Action 4 Liberty, formerly known as MN Tea Party Alliance, is an active domestic Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic) registered with the MN Secretary of State under Minn. Stat. § 317A. Its President is Jake Duesenberg of Woodbury, MN.³
4. Jake Duesenberg of Action 4 Liberty is Candidate Duff's agent and an advisor to the MN Tea Party Alliance. As of July 27, 2016, Mr. Duesenberg was "listed on the website of the Tea Party Alliance as executive director" and serves as Candidate Duff's "unpaid adviser."⁴ Indeed, Candidate Duff's May 31, 2016, campaign announcement states that "Alan's campaign will have an advisory committee made up of . . . President of Action 4 Liberty, Jake Duesenberg" and identifies Jake Duesenberg as a Point of Contact for the announcement.⁵
5. New Leadership PAC is a Political Committee that registered with the Board on June 29, 2016. Sheila Kihne of Eden Prairie, MN is the Chair and Treasurer of the New Leadership PAC. New Leadership PAC occasionally engages in express advocacy via "independent expenditure" communications.⁶
6. Veni Graphics, Inc. is a Business Corporation (Domestic) registered with the MN Secretary of State which lists its Chief Executive Officer as Donald Lee Niemi of Andover, MN. Based on information and belief, Donald Niemi is the only employee of Veni Graphics, Inc.⁷ As detailed further below, Veni Graphics, Inc. is the vendor for Duff (Alan) 4 House, MN Tea Party Alliance, and New Leadership PAC.

In a Podcast, Parties identify and advance Duff's central campaign issue:

7. Action 4 Liberty, formerly incorporated as MN Tea Party Alliance, hosts the "Living Free Podcast," a semi-regular podcast hosted by Duesenberg and Rogers.⁸
8. On June 1, 2016, Alan Duff (Candidate), Jake Duesenberg (Candidate's agent), and Jack Rogers (Chairman of MN Tea Party Alliance IE Committee) were on the "Living Free Podcast," Episode 110.⁹

³ Ex. C.

⁴ Ex. D at 3.

⁵ Ex. E at 3.

⁶ Ex. G.

⁷ Ex. F.

⁸ Living Free Podcast with Jack & Jake, Home, *available at* <http://livingfreepodcast.com/>.

⁹ Living Free Podcast with Jack & Jake, #110 – Alan Duff, *available at* <http://livingfreepodcast.com/110-alan-duff/>.

9. Episode # 110 featured Candidate Duff's candidacy for Minnesota House District 31A, described by the podcast as follows:

On this episode of the podcast we talk to Alan Duff, who is challenging Speaker Kurt Daudt in the August primary. . . . We discuss why he is running for office, some of his ideas about government and how he plans to win.¹⁰

10. At minute 30:36 of Episode # 110, the Candidate, Candidate's agent, and the Agent of the MN Tea Party Alliance began discussing strategies to "win" the election facing Candidate Duff. The first topic raised and highlighted as important to Duff's campaign related to a proposed license tab increase during the 2016 Minnesota Legislative Session.¹¹

Parties shared vendor, Veni Graphics, Inc, advanced Duff's central campaign issue.

11. Six days later, on June 7, 2016, MN Tea Party Alliance prepared and paid \$1,949.21 to Veni Graphics, Inc." for an independent expenditure¹² on behalf of candidate Duff. It highlighted the very topic discussed by the parties earlier, the proposed license tab increase from the 2016 Minnesota Legislative Session.¹³ However, upon close examination of what was reported as an independent expenditure, the material itself fails to include the statutorily required independent expenditure disclaimer.
12. In his pre-primary report, Candidate Duff and his Committee report paying vendor Veni Graphics, Inc. \$2,829.89 for the preparation and production and mailing of advertisements for Mr. Duff's campaign.¹⁴
13. In its pre-primary report, New Leadership PAC also paid Mr. Niemi and his firm Veni Graphics, Inc. a total of \$1,887.98¹⁵ to produce independent expenditures that campaigned on behalf of Mr. Duff by highlighting the license tab fee increase.¹⁶
14. In his pre-primary report, Candidate Duff has not reported any form of campaign contribution from MN Tea Party Alliance, New Leadership PAC, or Veni Graphics, Inc..¹⁷

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.* at mn. 30:36.

¹² Ex. H at 5.

¹³ Ex. I.

¹⁴ Ex. J at 4.

¹⁵ Ex. K at 7-8.

¹⁶ Ex. L.

¹⁷ Ex. J at 3.

In their podcast, the Parties underscore the central role that Veni Graphics, Inc. plays in advancing Duff's central campaign issue.

15. On July 20, 2016, Jake Duesenberg (Candidate's agent) and Jack Rogers (Chairman of MN Tea Party Alliance IE committee) hosted their "Living Free Podcast" episode "#115 – Just Two Guys Talking," described by the podcast as follows:

On this episode of the podcast, Jack and Jake discuss what's on the top of their minds in this election season. There is a way people at home can make a huge difference in this election cycle. Listen and find out how.¹⁸

16. Episode "#115 – Just Two Guys Talking" was sponsored by Veni Graphics. On or around 30 minutes and 30 seconds into the podcast, Mr. Duesenberg and Mr. Rogers begin to discuss their work with "Don," the operator of Veni Graphics, Inc., and how he is busy until "the primary."¹⁹

17. In addition, Mr. Duesenberg, an agent of Candidate Duff's campaign, discusses working with "Don," which demonstrates that Mr. Niemi has not established or maintained a firewall between himself, his political committee clients, and the Candidate that is necessary to protect the independence of an expenditure.²⁰

18. At this same time, Candidate Duff continued to coordinate the message concerning car tab fees as a central theme to his campaign.²¹

19. On Episode 116 of the Living Free Podcast, broadcast on July 28, 2016, Candidate's agent and Chairman of the MN Tea Party Alliance are in Candidate Duff's district working on his campaign.²² Throughout the podcast, Candidate's agent and Chairman of the MN Tea Party Alliance underscore how they are "**working together**"—with the help of Mr. Niemi of Veni Graphics, Inc., to elect Mr. Duff. The hosts' statements include:

"Just think of the book we are going to write after we put these two men [including Duff] in office."²³

¹⁸ Living Free Podcast with Jake & Jack, #115 – Just Two Guys Talking, *available at* <http://livingfreepodcast.com/115-just-two-guys-talking/>.

¹⁹ *Id.* at mn. 30:45.

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ Ex. M at 1-2.

²² Living Free Podcast with Jake & Jack, #116 – From the Campaign Trail, at mn. 1:15, *available at* <http://livingfreepodcast.com/116-from-the-campaign-trail/>.

²³ *Id.* at mn. 1:37.

“Both Kurt Daudt and Tom Hackbarth both have F’s—they wouldn’t make it out of their grade, they would be flunked. So what we are trying to do is flunk them this year and put in people that pass and understand what is necessary.”²⁴

“You know what’s necessary? Don Neimi and Veni Graphics. . . He’s working day and night for us right now.”²⁵

As they discuss their campaign activity, Jake states that they have been “making lots of phone calls and door knocking, and that’s going to be Jack’s and my life for the next two weeks.” Jack responds, “Yup, you gotta call one of us and volunteer to help on either one of the campaigns.”²⁶

20. As a vendor to the campaign of Candidate Duff, Mr. Niemi would have intimate, non-public information regarding the development and targeting of campaign materials for Candidate Duff in addition to knowledge of plans for the campaign and independent expenditure committees and how to coordinate said expenditures.²⁷
21. As a vendor to the MN Tea Party Alliance IE Committee and the registered agent of the same committee, and as a vendor to New Leadership PAC, Mr. Niemi would have intimate, non-public information regarding the production, development and targeting of “independent expenditures” made on behalf of Candidate Duff, to having intimate, non-public information regarding the development of internal campaign strategies and expenditures for Duff’s principal campaign committee.²⁸
22. As a vendor to New Leadership PAC, Mr. Niemi would have intimate, non-public information regarding the development and targeting of campaign materials for “independent expenditures” produced on behalf of Candidate Duff in addition to having intimate, non-public information regarding the development of internal campaign strategies and expenditures for Candidate Duff’s principal campaign committee.²⁹

²⁴ *Id.* at mn. 6:32.

²⁵ *Id.* at mn. 6:45.

²⁶ *Id.* at mn. 7:41-7:50.

²⁷ Ex. J at 4.

²⁸ Ex. H at 5; *see also* Ex. K at 7-8.

Applicable Law

“Independent Expenditure” Defined:

"Independent expenditure" means an expenditure expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, *if the expenditure is made without the express or implied consent, authorization, or cooperation of, and not in concert with or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or any candidate's principal campaign committee or agent.* An independent expenditure is not a contribution to that candidate.

Minn. Stat. § 10A.01, subd. 18 (emphasis added).

Independent Expenditure Disclosure and Penalty:

[A]n individual, political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit that independently solicits or accepts contributions or makes independent expenditures on behalf of a candidate *must publicly disclose that the expenditure is an independent expenditure.* All written communications with those from whom contributions are independently solicited or accepted or to whom independent expenditures are made on behalf of a candidate *must contain a statement in conspicuous type that the activity is an independent expenditure and is not approved by the candidate nor is the candidate responsible for it.* Similar language must be included in all oral communications, in conspicuous type on the front page of all literature and advertisements published or posted, and at the end of all broadcast advertisements made by that individual, political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit on the candidate's behalf.

Minn. Stat. 10A.17, subd. 4(a) (emphasis added).

A person who knowingly violates subdivision 4 or falsely claims that an expenditure is an independent expenditure *is guilty of a gross misdemeanor* and subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000.

Id. at subd. 5 (emphasis added).

Contribution Limit:

[A] candidate must not permit the candidate's principal campaign committee to accept aggregate contributions made or delivered by an

individual, political committee, political fund, or association not registered with the board in excess of the following:

(5) to a candidate for state representative, \$1,000 in the election segment of an election cycle for the office sought[.]

Minn. Stat. § 10A.27, subd. 1(a)(5).

Advisory Opinion 410:

Advisory Opinion 410 concludes that expenditures made by independent expenditure campaign committee to a vendor who also works for a candidate are not independent expenditures:

IPEC hires a consultant who also provides consulting services to the candidate which will benefit from the IEPC's independent expenditure.

Opinion: If a consultant providing services on messaging and timing of independent expenditures for the IEPC also provides messaging and campaign services to a candidate, the independence of the IEPC's expenditures advocating the election of the candidate are not independent. The Board believes that it is not possible for a single individual to avoid coordination of effort between the two clients even if an attempt to do so is made. The Board has previously discussed the separation required in a consulting firm doing work for both an independent expenditure spender and a potentially affected candidate. See Advisory Opinions 338 and 400. It is not possible to maintain the required degree of separation when all of the work for both clients is handled by the same individual. An individual cannot maintain the required separation of effort.

Violations

Based on the facts presented above and corresponding exhibits, the Board must exercise its authority under Minn. Stat. § 10A.022, subd. 3 and sanction Duff (Alan) 4 House, MN Tea Party Alliance, and New Leadership PAC for violating Minnesota law. Specifically, the expenditures that MN Tea Party Alliance and New Leadership PAC report as independent are in fact campaign contributions to Duff (Alan) 4 House that exceed the contribution limits establish by law.

According to their own pre-primary reports to the Board, Duff (Alan) 4 House, MN Tea Party Alliance, and New Leadership PAC coordinated expenditures by hiring a shared vendor, Mr. Niemi of Veni Graphics, Inc., to prepare and deliver campaign material on behalf of Mr. Duff. The vendor hired, as noted above, is also the Treasurer of the MN Tea Party Alliance. As this Board has previously indicated, the vendor of the campaign cannot also serve entities engaged in independent expenditure activity on that same candidate's behalf. Indeed, because Mr. Niemi is also the Treasurer of the Minnesota Tea Party Alliance, and is statutorily obliged to approve all expenditures of that entity, it seems impossible that he would ever be in a position to serve as Candidate Duff's campaign vendor so long as the Minnesota Tea Party Alliance engaged in independent expenditure activity on Candidate Duff's behalf.

In addition, as noted above, Candidate Duff's comments on the Living Free podcast establish that none of the expenditures by the MN Tea Party Alliance or New Leadership PAC were independent. Candidate Duff identifies the central issue of his campaign that he wants highlighted by other groups (specifically the license tab fee proposal) and they respond within days. This is clear indication of a request for an independent expenditure.

Additionally, the Living Free podcast, hosted by the Candidate's advisor and the Chair of the MN Tea Party Alliance becomes the venue for the candidate's committee and the political committees to coordinate message and timing. In fact, they not only identify and advance Candidate Duff's principal campaign issue, but also describe the central role that their shared vendor, Veni Graphics, Inc., (and Don Niemi) plays in advancing that same issue.

In short, there is nothing independent about the campaign material Mr. Niemi prepared and delivered for both political committees. MN Tea Party Alliance and New Leadership PAC did not make independent expenditures on behalf of Mr. Duff when they paid for Mr. Niemi's services. Rather, they misrepresented their contributions to Mr. Duff as independent expenditures in violation of the law. Indeed, MN Tea Party Alliance's failure to disclaim the mailer prepared by Mr. Niemi as an independent

expenditure—which is required by law—is *de facto* evidence of illegal coordination.³⁰
As a result:

1. Alan Duff and Duff (Alan) 4 House violated Minn. Stat. § 10A.27, subd. 1(a)(5) by accepting contributions from MN Tea Party Alliance in the amount of \$1,949.21, and contributions from New Leadership PAC in the amount of \$1,887.98, each of which exceed legal limit of \$1,000.
2. MN Tea Party Alliance has violated Minn. Stat. § 10A.17, subd. 4(a) by falsely reporting the \$1,949.21 contribution to Mr. Duff as an independent expenditure.³¹
3. New Leadership PAC has violated Minn. Stat. § 10A.17, subd. 4(a) by falsely reporting the \$1,887.98 contribution to Mr. Duff as an independent expenditure.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 10A.022, subd. 3, I submit to the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“Board”) this Complaint against: Candidate Alan Duff, Duff (Alan) 4 House, Duff’s principal campaign committee; MN Tea Party Alliance, a political committee registered with the Board; and New Leadership PAC, a political committee registered with the Board. As demonstrated by the facts presented below, the expenditures that MN Tea Party Alliance and New Leadership PAC report as independent are in fact campaign contributions to Duff (Alan) 4 House that exceed the contribution limits established by law. Thus, the Board must exercise its authority under Minn. Stat. § 10A.022, subd. 3 and sanction: Duff (Alan) 4 House for violating Minn. Stat. 10A.27, subd. 1(a)(5) by accepting illegal campaign contributions; MN Tea Party Alliance for violating Minn. Stat. § 10A.17, subd. 4(a) by reporting campaign contributions as independent expenditures; and New Leadership PAC for violating Minn. Stat. § 10A.17, subd. 4(a) by reporting campaign contributions as independent expenditures.

Respectfully Submitted,



Matt Stevens

³⁰ Even if the parties intended to coordinate the expenditures—a feeble defense in light of the evidence—their disclosures violate the law: Candidate Duff violated Minn. Stat. § 10A.20, subd. 3 by failing to appropriately report the expenditures, *see* Ex. J; and MN Tea Party violated Minn. Stat. § 10A.17, subd. 4(a) by failing to disclaim the expenditure as an independent expenditure. *See* Ex. I at 2.

Exhibit
A

Principal Campaign Committee Registration Information

Candidate Information

Candidate Name: Alan Duff	Registration Number: 18068
Address: 28555 Bay Shore Dr NW Isanti, MN 55040	Registration Date: 6/6/2016
Telephone: (612)850-5404	Office: House District 31A
Email: duff@usfamily.net	Party: RPM
Public Subsidy: No	Web Address: Duff4house.com
	Aff.of Contribution: No

Committee Information

Committee Name: Duff (Alan) 4 House	Chair: Alan Duff
Address: 28555 Bay Shore Dr NW Isanti, MN 55040	Address: 28555 Bay Shore Dr NW Isanti, MN 55040
Daytime Phone: (612)850-5404	Daytime Phone: (612)850-5404
	Email: duff@usfamily.net

Treasurer Name: Louise Duff
Address: 28555 Bay Shore Dr NW
Isanti, MN 55040
Daytime Phone: (612)747-5459
Email: louiseduff725@gmail.com

Dpty Treas(if any):
Address:
Daytime Phone:
Email:

Depository(ies) Community Pride Bank
Information:
1441 Bunker Lake Blvd
NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304

Political Committees and Political Funds Registration Information

Registration Number: 41104

Committee Name: MN Tea Party Alliance

Address: 13901 Washington St NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304

Daytime Phone: (612)802-3754

Website: www.teaparty.mn

Registration Date: 4/25/2013

Chair: Jack Rogers

Address: 13901 Washington St NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304

Daytime Phone: (612)802-3754

Email: jack@teaparty.mn

Treasurer Name: Don Niemi

Address: 1265 138th Ln NW
Andover, MN 55304

Daytime Phone: (763)434-4881

Email: don@venigraphics.com

Depository(ies) Wells Fargo Bank
Information:

7525 Currell Blvd
Woodbury, MN 55125

Dpty Treas(if any):

Address:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Exhibit C

Business Record Details »

Minnesota Business Name

ACTION 4 LIBERTY**Business Type**

Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)

MN Statute

317A

File Number

680245900020

Home Jurisdiction

Minnesota

Filing Date

7/4/2013

Status

Active / In Good Standing

Renewal Due Date

12/31/2016

Registered Office Address

6043 Hudson Rd
Suite 140T
Woodbury, MN 55125
USA

Registered Agent(s)

(Optional) None provided

President

Jake Duesenberg
6043 Hudson Rd
Suite 140T
Woodbury, MN 55125
USA

Filing History

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Select the item(s) you would like to order:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Filing Date	Filing	Effective Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	7/4/2013	Original Filing - Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6/11/2015	Involuntary Dissolution - Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/29/2015	Annual Reinstatement - Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)	



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Hot Dish Politics

(http://www.startribune.com/politics/blogs/hot_dish_politics/)

Morning Hot Dish: Will diversity outreach be enough for Clinton?

By J. Patrick Coolican JULY 27, 2016 — 11:19AM

By J. PATRICK COOLICAN

Star Tribune staff writer

PHILDELPHIA – Good morning. Another day of the DNC is in the books. Smoother day inside the hall for the Dems, with Hillary Clinton becoming the first woman to be nominated by a major party, after Sen. Bernie Sanders moved to suspend the rules and nominate her by acclamation. ([Emotional moment when Bernie Sanders' brother cast his ballot for his brother, both in tears](http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli3) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli3>)) There were still demonstrations outside the hall, however.

There's an old story (perhaps apocryphal) from the 1992 GOP convention when Ronald Reagan gave what would turn out to be a farewell speech to the Republican National Convention and a member of the liberal media elite said in frustration, "He's doing it again!" Meaning, romancing the crowd and the public in a way only he could and thwarting the dreams of Democrats hoping to upend a long period of GOP ascendancy. As it turned out, Reagan's effort was not enough to propel George H.W. Bush, who was beaten by a young governor of Arkansas.

I can imagine conservative Republicans feeling the same frustration – "He's doing it again!" – about former President Bill Clinton, who addressed the crowd Tuesday night. Clinton changed the trajectory of the 2012 race with a speech at the Democratic National Convention when he seemed to be able to explain Obama's policies better than Obama.

(I've seen this in my own father, a conservative Republican, who has watched Clinton for a quarter century with what I would call a "loathing admiration" for his political talents.)

Last night, Clinton essentially re-introduced America to Hillary Rodham Clinton, beginning with a love story about meeting her at Yale Law School, a story he has told hundreds of times. (People who speak to audiences should take note: Tell a story.)

Despite the huge hall and the national television audience, Clinton has always had the ability to convey intimacy. His own apparent physical frailty and a tremor in his hand gave the scene a hint of vulnerability. He went on for more than 40 minutes with an array of stories about the seemingly endless bullet points on Hillary Clinton's resume doing this, that and the other for children's health and children with disabilities and on and on. (It really would be the best college application in the history of the world.)

He closed saying that what you've heard about Hillary Clinton this campaign from the other side is a "cartoon" and a lie, that she is the best "change maker" (ugh to that phrase) he has ever met.

For a minute I thought the crowd was flat before realizing I had my noise-canceling headphones on. They were roaring by the end.

Bill Clinton is still broadly popular. His political skills are not in dispute, whether you love or despise him. Will his speech lend credibility to his wife's campaign? We will know in a week or two if this convention was effective. If it is, then Bill Clinton will have gone some way to making up for a lifetime of marital failings.

Here's the AP.

(<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli4>)

Sean Trende, smart, GOP leaning election analyst, with some real talk: All campaign, for a year, people have been talking down Donald Trump's chances. He's been beating expectations every time. There's no reason to think he won't do it again. The reality of this race is that it's a tossup at the moment. [Read it](#)

(<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli5>).

More on Bill Clinton: If you're younger than about 30, you probably don't have much understanding of what America was like when he was elected president in 1992, unless you read books, and you probably don't because you spend all your time on Snapchat or MySpace or whatever. This ignorance helps explain how Clinton's 90s record was re-litigated during the Democratic primary, with WJC's New Democrat tenure painted as an era of mass incarceration and corporatism.

The reality is that Republicans had won five of six presidential elections and suburban America had no confidence Democrats could govern, so Clinton moved the party right on crime, welfare and business. Clinton changed the electoral map, with the help of some good luck. It was a period of peace and prosperity, albeit with foreign and domestic calamities lying beneath the surface. [Matthew Yglesias has more](#) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli6>).

Despite Day last night's show of unity with Sanders, even if Clinton wins, she will have far less space to operate than her husband or Obama. She will continue to face a restive left. Of course, on the upside for her, that creates an opportunity to revive a great retro term from the 1990s: Triangulation!

Tonight, President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden take the stage. Just a guess: I expect Biden's endorsement to be personal and aimed at the middle class ethnic Catholics Clinton needs. Obama will talk up Clinton as commander-in-chief. Tim Kaine, the vice presidential nominee, will get his introduction to the public. (Important question: [Did Tim Kaine used to be hot?](#)

(<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli7>)

Sen. Amy Klobuchar got a good speaking slot and discussed [human trafficking and Clinton's battle to end it during her career](#).

(<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli8>) Oof: Chris Cillizza, who can be said to represent Beltway conventional wisdom and has long talked up Klobuchar as a possible national political candidate, [rated Klob a "loser" on his list of "winners and losers"](#)

(<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli9>) last night.

Observation from the hall and listening to a lot of speeches: Good oratory is difficult. Difficult to write and difficult to execute. Which makes it rare. Just an FYI after spending about four hours listening to speeches Tuesday night.

Spent Tuesday morning with Klobuchar as she visited the delegate breakfasts of California, Florida, both huge states whose breakfasts require a big wedding sized ballroom. She also visited...Iowa. Hmmmm. More on that later this week.

Congrats to Mallory Weggemann, Eagan native who won a gold medal at the Paralympic Games in London and led the Pledge of Allegiance at the DNC Tuesday. From the release: ***"This is an amazing platform for the Paralympic Movement," Mallory said. "It is tremendous honor to be on this stage and to show others the strength that athletes like myself, who have been paralyzed, or face other physical challenges, truly have."***

Patrick Condon and I wrote about the [diversity of the Minnesota delegation](#) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli10>), which is quite remarkable, reflecting the convention as a whole. (Peter Beinart (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli11>) says the dividing line in this election is not left and right, domestic or foreign policy, but "multicultural, cosmopolitan America or nostalgia America.") If Democrats lose this

election, it will be because they overlearned Obama's victories (or learned the wrong lessons) and bet too heavily on a diverse coalition and lost too many white men in the process. It's sad that we calculate elections in such stark racial terms, but this is nothing new.)

Also interesting about the Minnesota delegation: Far more diverse than the legislative caucuses, which remain stubbornly monochromatic due in part to a lack of term limits. [Ricardo Lopez addressed this recently](http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli12) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli12>).

Bluestem Prairie on [Rep. Bob Gunther struggling to fulfill a bus contract](http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli13) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli13>).

[The lifetime cost of treating a child born with Zika virus could be as much as \\$10 million](http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli14) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli14>). Congress went on recess without doing anything to prevent it.

I get email: *Good morning, J. Patrick! I wanted to personally invite you to a very special and intimate dinner with special guests: U.S. Senator Al Franken and Vice President Walter Mondale on Thursday, August 25th at the award winning restaurant Spoon and Stable (Private room). This will be a great opportunity to have dinner with our junior U.S. Senator and Former Vice President to talk to them about the 2016 races. Please note that there is very limited seating for this dinner, so RSVP's will be on a first come, first serve basis.*

Only \$1,000. At least they didn't call me "Pat."

Which brings me to campaign finance filings this week. [Brian Bakst](http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli15) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli15>) on Daudt's race: ***Pro Jobs Majority (Biz Pac) doing mail backing @kdaudt*** (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli16>) ***in #mnleg*** (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli17>) ***primary; Joan Cummins sole donor to @NewLeadershipMN*** (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli18>) ***campaign against Daudt.***

Cummins is a big GOP donor, wife of Robert Cummins of Primera Technology. What do they have against Daudt?

[Daudt walked back](http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli19#.V5emfcilZgU.twitter) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli19#.V5emfcilZgU.twitter>) his comment from last week that he managed to get Gov. Mark Dayton to "cave" in special session negotiations. Except, he didn't really.

Meanwhile, **his opponent's unpaid adviser, Jake Duesenberg, is listed on the website of the Tea Party Alliance as executive director. Tea Party Alliance has an independent expenditure against Daudt. That's against the rules that forbid coordination between IE and candidate.**

Duesenberg tells me he quit the Tea Party Alliance in December and has asked to be removed from the website.

Expect an official complaint from Daudt allies on this, which should tell you how nervous they are about his primary.

Big report for Dario Anselmo, GOP challenger to Rep. Ron Erhardt in Edina (49a): \$71,443, according to release. Big problem for DFL if Anselmo wins this seat, though Trump is likely a big drag.

And a tipster points me to the report of Candy Sina, seeking the open Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Bev Scalze. Sina used campaign funds to buy a \$4,809 golf cart. Nicely done.

Behind a day on this, but [read this piece on the tough DFL challenge](http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli20) (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli20>) to Senate Minority Leader David Hann by civics teacher Steve Cwodzinski. That's both

Republican leaders facing challenges, though in Speaker Kurt Daudt's case it's in his own party (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli21>).

Nice pie chart of federal government discretionary spending (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli22>). Note this does not include entitlements. More than half on defense.

Really interesting history of foreign powers interfering in our elections: ***With Prime Minister Winston Churchill's approval, British spies and intelligence officers spread rumors to discredit Charles A. Lindbergh*** (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli23>), ***the famous aviator who was the most prominent American Firster.***

Love this long read about the Florida Senate race, a total freakshow (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli24>).

Buzz at the hotel bar, by the way, is that Democrats are privately confident they will take back the Senate given the map.

Michael Jordan with a statement about killings of young black men and police (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli25>). This is unusual because Jordan has studiously avoided any and all politics his entire public life. He seems to be undergoing some kind of transformation post retirement, which hasn't treated him all that well.

Ugh: Mass killings apparently have a contagion, copycat effect, researchers are finding (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli26>).

John Hinckley, Jr., who tried to kill Ronald Reagan in 1981 (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli27>), can leave a mental hospital and live with his mother because he's no longer a danger, a judge rules.

Arrests outside the governor's residence (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli28>) of demonstrators, many of them there since the killing of Philando Castile. I drove by there a few times last weekend and everything seemed peaceful, even if it gave off a homeless encampment vibe. Cops moved in when they saw people sleeping on the street on blankets. Conflict became more intense around midnight.

Feeling down? Read about Nobel Peace Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai (<http://email.startribune.com/a/hBXmMG2B8wRdcB8xYd3AAA2aoP7/poli29>), who was in the Twin Cities Tuesday: The 19-year-old Pakistani activist who survived an assassination attempt by the Taliban for speaking up for girls' education rights made a surprise visit at a lunch with 20 star-struck girls, followed by an evening inspiring a much larger crowd. About 5,000 people — many of them girls — packed Target Center to hear Yousafzai tell her life story and encourage them to believe in themselves and use their voices to change the world.

"Sometimes we feel like I'm just one girl. But look at this place here, how many people are here. The change we can bring, it's amazing," she told the crowd. "Always believe in yourself, whatever mission you have in life. Don't put limits on your life."

No excuse for cynicism, HotDishers!

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-- J. Patrick Coolican

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Dayton, Ellison ask Sanders' delegates to work for Clinton
(<http://www.startribune.com/gov-mark-dayton-rep-keith-ellison-appeal-to-bernie-sanders-delegates-to-work-for->

Klobuchar touts Clinton's work against human trafficking
(<http://www.startribune.com/klobuchar-touts-clinton-s-work-against-human-trafficking/388332911/>)

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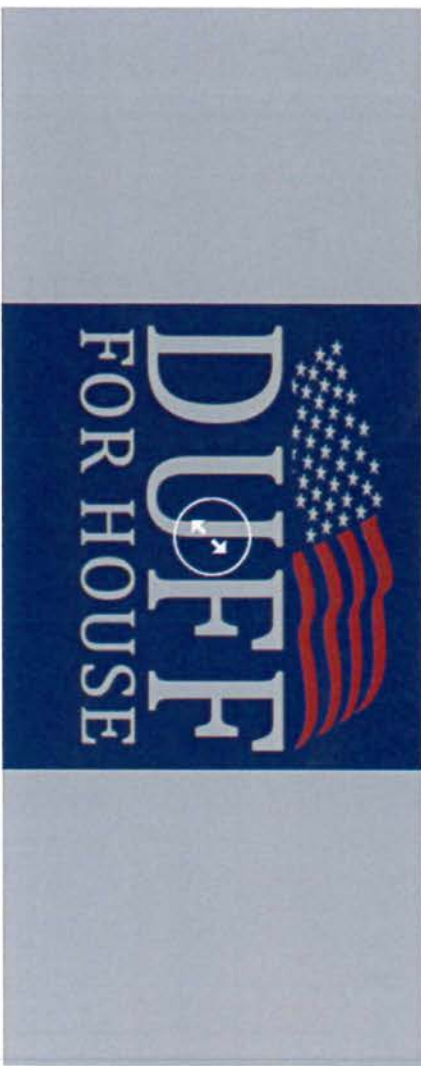
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<http://durffhouse.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/DUFF-LOGO-SQUARE.jpg> d. Polls show that politicians rank as the lowest trusted profes-

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"The political system in Minnesota is shattered. Polls show that politicians rank as the lowest trusted profession in the country and I plan on restoring faith in the political process in my district by representing the people, not special interests and backroom deals that hurt hard-working families and seniors living on fixed incomes," stated Duff.

Major Duff retired from the military in 2005 and was then elected to the Isanti City Council. He served on the Council from 2006 to 2008. Following his time on city council, Alan was elected to the Isanti County Board from 2009-2012 where he served with Kurt Daudt for two years. "It was during my time on the County Board where I learned that Kurt Daudt is not a principled conservative. He voted to increase the county tax levy and grow government. That's why I wasn't surprised when Kurt Daudt proposed raising taxes in the Minnesota legislature with a license tab fee increase" added Duff.

"As a representative, I would author a bill to decrease license tab fees and other taxes because I believe money in the hands of the people is better than money in the hands of bureaucrats. People in my district have financial hardships and we don't need government to take more of their hard earned dollars."

Alan has served as President of Duff Companies since 2009, a small veteran-owned business that provides property maintenance and veterans job placement services. He works with large employers in the state of Minnesota to help hire veterans returning from overseas deployments. The veteran unemployment rate exceeds the national average, which according to Duff, is "tragic". "Our young men and women who serve this country overseas have tremendous abilities and values to enhance our workforce. I work everyday to connect our heroes with jobs that will benefit our society as a whole."

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Minnesota Business Name

Veni Graphics, Inc.**Business Type**

Business Corporation (Domestic)

MN Statute

302A

File Number

10K-464

Home Jurisdiction

Minnesota

Filing Date

12/16/1998

Status

Active / In Good Standing

Renewal Due Date

12/31/2016

Registered Office Address1345 157th Ave NE #A
Ham Lake, MN 55304
USA**Number of Shares**

1,000,000

Registered Agent(s)

(Optional) None provided

Chief Executive OfficerDonald Lee Niemi
11521 Eagle Street NW
Suite 6
Coon Rapids, MN 55449
USA**Principal Executive Office Address**11521 Eagle Street NW
Suite A
Coon Rapids, MN 55449
USA**Filing History**

Filing History

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Political Committees and Political Funds Registration Information

Registration Number: 41156

Committee Name: New Leadership PAC

Address: PO Box 44522
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Daytime Phone: (952)941-4387

Website:

Registration Date: 6/29/2016

Chair: Sheila Kihne

Address: 11683 Welters Way
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Daytime Phone: (952)941-4387

Email: skihne@gmail.com

Treasurer Name: Sheila Kihne

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**Report of Receipts and Expenditures
for Political Committee or Political Fund**

Period Covered: 1/1/2016 through 7/18/2016

Committee Information:

Registration number: 41104
Committee name: MN Tea Party Alliance
Treasurer name: Niemi, Don L
Treasurer address: 1265 138th Lane NW
Andover MN 55304

Received by the Board July 25, 2016

Special Report Indicators

- No change since last report** The committee received no contributions and made no expenditures during the reporting period.
Previous Report Cash Balance:
Current Cash Balance:
- Amendment** This report amends a previously filed report for the same period.
- Termination** The committee has settled all its debts, disposed of all its assets in excess of \$100 and dissolved.

Committee Transaction Summary

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MN Tea Party Alliance

Reg Num 41104

Political Committee

1	Beginning cash balance 1/1/2016 (should be the same as the previous year ending cash balance)		969.03			
A	Receipts		Cash		In-Kind	Total
2	Total Contributions Received	Sch. A1 - CR	5,665.65		0.00	5,665.65
3	Receipts from loans payable	Sch. A2 - LP				
4	Miscellaneous income	Sch. A2 - MISC				
5	Total Receipts	Sum #2 to #4	5,665.65		0.00	5,665.65
B	Disbursements		Cash	Unpaid Bills	In-Kind	Total
6	Expenditures	Sch. B1 - EXP	1,895.71	0.00	0.00	1,895.71
7A	Direct Contributions to candidate committees	Sch. B2A - PCC				
7B	Approved Expenditures for Candidate Committees	Sch. B2B - CAN				
7C	Total Contributions to Candidate Committees	Sum #7A + #7B				
8	Contributions to political parties	Sch. B2 - PTY				
9	Contributions to political committees and political funds	Sch. B2 - PCF				
10	Independent expenditures	Sch. B3 - IND	2,398.70	0.00	0.00	2,398.70
11	Ballot question expenditures	Sch. B4 - BQ				
12	Total Expenditures and Disbursements	Sum #6 + #7C thru #11	4,294.41	0.00	0.00	4,294.41
13	Ending cash balance on 7/18/2016	#1 + #5 - #12	2,340.27			

Loans and Unpaid Obligations Summary

14A	Total Outstanding balance of all loans incurred during the current year	Sch. A2-LP
14B	Total outstanding balance of all loans incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. C
14C	Total Outstanding balance of all loans	Sum #14A + #14B
15A	Total unpaid obligations incurred during the current year	Line 12 Unpaid
15B	Total unpaid obligations incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. D
15C	Total unpaid obligations	Sum #15A + 15B
16	Total debt of committee	Sum #14C + 15C

Certification

I certify that this report is complete, true and correct.

Don L Niemi

Signature of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

July 25, 2016

Date

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Schedule A1-CR Contributions Received

MN Tea Party Alliance

Reg Num 41104

Political Committee

Schmidt, Steven

5280 Salem Ln Loretto, MN 55357

Self-employed Retired

Date	Cash	In Kind	Total
06/16/16	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00

Schedule A1-CR Contributions Received

	Cash	In Kind	Total
Total of itemized	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total of non-itemized	4,165.65	0.00	4,165.65
Totals	5,665.65	0.00	5,665.65

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Schedule B1 Expenditures

MN Tea Party Alliance

Reg Num 41104

Political Committee

Vendor: Bogarts Place

14917 Garrett Ave
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
03/02/16	Rent: Facility for meeting	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
04/26/16	Facility Rental: Meeting space	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
05/20/16	Other Miscellaneous spending: E-mail Support	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
05/26/16	Facility Rental: Meeting Space	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
06/28/16	Rent: Meeting place	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Vendor Total: Bogarts Place		480.00	0.00	0.00	480.00

Vendor: Constant Contact

1601 Trapelo Rd
Waltham, MA 02451

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
01/28/16	Rent: Facility for meeting	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
02/11/16	Advertising - general: Promote attendance	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
02/25/16	Advertising - general: Promote Meeting Attendance	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
03/25/16	Advertising - general: Promote meeting attendance	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
04/13/16	Advertising - general: Stay in touch with members	124.74	0.00	0.00	124.74
04/23/16	Other Miscellaneous spending: E-mail Support	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
06/20/16	Advertising - general: Staying in contact with members	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Vendor Total: Constant Contact		624.74	0.00	0.00	624.74

Vendor: Massey Compos

Port Saint Lucie, FL

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/09/16	Entertainment: Speaker at meeting	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00

Schedule B1 Expenditures

	Paid	Unpaid	Inkind	Total
Total of itemized:	1,354.74	0.00	0.00	1,354.74
Total of non-itemized:	540.97	0.00	0.00	540.97
Totals:	1,895.71	0.00	0.00	1,895.71

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Schedule B3 Independent Expenditures

MN Tea Party Alliance

Reg Num 41104

Political Committee

Affected Committee: Aplikowski, Andy Senate Dist. 35 Committee

13445 Uplander St NW
Andover, MN 55304

Vendor: Facebook
1601 Willow Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Date	Description	For	Against	Paid	Unpaid	Inkind	Total
2/24/16	Advertising - general Internet Advertising	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
2/24/16	Advertising - general Internet Advertising	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	249.49	0.00	0.00	249.49
Vendor Total: Facebook				449.49	0.00	0.00	449.49
Total For: Aplikowski, Andy Senate Dist. 35 Committee				449.49	0.00	0.00	449.49

Affected Committee: Duff, Alan House Dist. 31A Committee

28555 Bay Shore Dr NW
Isanti, MN 55040

Vendor: Veni Graphics, Inc.
PO Bo 39
Andover, MN 55304

Date	Description	For	Against	Paid	Unpaid	Inkind	Total
6/07/16	Printing and Photocopying Mailing in support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,949.21	0.00	0.00	1,949.21

Schedule B3 Independent Expenditures

	Paid	Unpaid	Inkind	Total
Total Itemized Expenditures:	2,398.70	0.00	0.00	2,398.70
Total Unitemized Expenditures:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Paid	Unpaid	Inkind	Total
Totals:	2,398.70	0.00	0.00	2,398.70

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**Report of Receipts and Expenditures
for Principal Campaign Committee**

Period Covered: 1/1/2016 through 7/18/2016

Committee Information:

Registration number: 18068
Committee name: Alan Duff
Candidate name: Duff, Alan J
Office and District: House District: 31A
Treasurer name: Duff, Louise E
Treasurer address: 28555 Bay Shore DR NW
Isanti MN 55040

Received by the Board July 25, 2016

Special Report Indicators

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Previous Report Cash Balance:
Current Cash Balance:
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Committee Transaction Summary

Alan Duff

Reg Num 18068

Principal Campaign Committee

1	Beginning cash balance 1/1/2016 (should be the same as the previous year ending cash balance)		0.00		
A	Receipts		Cash	In-Kind	Total
2	Individual contributions	Sch. A1 - IND	6,144.25	0.00	6,144.25
3	Lobbyist contributions	Sch. A1 - LOB			
4	Political committee and political fund contributions	Sch. A1 - PCF			
5	Political party & terminating principal campaign committee contributions	Sch. A1 - PTY/ TERM PCC			
6	Other contributions	Sch. A1 - OTH			
7	Public Subsidy Payment	Sch. A1 - PS			
8	Receipts from loans payable	Sch. A2 - LP			
9	Miscellaneous income	Sch. A2 - MISC			
10	Total Receipts	Sum #2 to #9	6,144.25	0.00	6,144.25
B	Disbursements		Cash	Unpaid Bills	In-Kind
11	Campaign expenditures	Sch. B1 - CE	4,044.35	271.13	0.00
12	State ballot question expenditures (Not local referendums)	Sch. B1 - BQ			
13	Total Campaign Expenditures	Sum #11 to #12	4,044.35	271.13	0.00
14	Non-campaign disbursements	Sch. B1 - NCD			
15	Contributions to other principal campaign committees	Sch. B2 - PCC			
16	Contributions to political parties	Sch. B2 - PTY			
17	Contributions to political committees and political funds	Sch. B2 - PCF			
18	Other disbursements	Sch. B3			
19	Total Expenditures and Disbursements	#13 to #18	4,044.35	271.13	0.00
20	Ending cash balance on 7/18/2016	#1 + #10 - #19	2,099.90		

Loans and Unpaid Obligations Summary

21A	Total Outstanding balance of all loans incurred during the current year	Sch. A2-LP		
21B	Total outstanding balance of all loans incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. C		
21C	Total Outstanding balance of all loans	Sum #21A + #21B		
22A	Total unpaid obligations incurred during the current year	Line 19		271.13
22B	Total unpaid obligations incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. D		
22C	Total unpaid obligations	Sum #22A + #22B		271.13
23	Total debt of committee	Sum #21C + #22C		271.13

Certification

I certify that this report is complete, true and correct.

Louise E Duff

Signature of Candidate, Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer

July 25, 2016

Date

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Alan Duff

Reg Num 18068

Principal Campaign Committee

Anderson, Bart

371 90th Street NE Monticello, MN 55382
Employer: US Site Work

Date	Cash	In Kind	Total
07/12/16	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Buehler, Nancy

1321 LaSalle Street Wayzata, MN 55391
Employer: N/A

Date	Cash	In Kind	Total
06/06/16	500.00	0.00	500.00

Cummins, Robert

18850 Northone Blvd Deephaven, MN 55391
Employer: Primeria

Date	Cash	In Kind	Total
07/12/16	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Minar, CKD

4660 Weston Woods Way White Bear Township, MN 55127
Self-employed Retired

Date	Cash	In Kind	Total
06/08/16	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Niemi, Donald

1265 138 Lane NW Andover, MN 55304
Employer: Veri Graphics

Date	Cash	In Kind	Total
06/14/16	214.25	0.00	214.25

Schmidt, Steven

5280 Salem Lane Loretto, MN 55357
Employer: ABE TECH

Date	Cash	In Kind	Total
06/14/16	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Zoerb, Dale

2126 Wexford Lane New Brighton, MN 55112
Employer:

Date	Cash	In Kind	Total
05/31/16	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Schedule A1-IND Individual Contributions Received

	Cash	In Kind	Total
Total of itemized	5,714.25	0.00	5,714.25
Total of non-itemized	430.00	0.00	430.00
	Cash	In Kind	Total
Totals	6,144.25	0.00	6,144.25

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Schedule B1-CE Campaign Expenditures

Alan Duff

Reg Num 18068

Principal Campaign Committee

Vendor: Embroidery & Ink

118 West Main Street
PO Bos 28
Isanti, MN 55040

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
07/07/16	Parade and Event Fees	213.11	0.00	0.00	213.11

Vendor: Minuteman Press

1321 Andover Boulevard NE
Suite 103
Ham Lake, MN 55304

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
07/11/16	Parade and Event Fees	348.16	0.00	0.00	348.16

Vendor: OOSHIRTS

41454 Christy Street
Fremount, CA 94538

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/28/16	Parade and Event Fees	344.22	0.00	0.00	344.22
06/29/16	Mailing / Voter List Rent/Purchase	85.00	0.00	0.00	85.00
Vendor Total: OOSHIRTS		429.22	0.00	0.00	429.22

Vendor: Veni Graphics

PO Box 39
Andover, MN 55304

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/28/16	Advertising - Print	642.75	0.00	0.00	642.75
07/03/16	Advertising - general: Lit brochures	283.88	0.00	0.00	283.88
07/09/16	Mailing / Voter List Rent/Purchase	1,817.56	0.00	0.00	1,817.56
07/11/16	Advertising - Print	0.00	85.70	0.00	85.70
Vendor Total: Veni Graphics		2,744.19	85.70	0.00	2,829.89

Schedule B1-CE Campaign Expenditures

	Paid	Unpaid	Inkind	Total
Total of itemized:	3,734.68	85.70	0.00	3,820.38
Total of non-itemized:	309.67	185.43	0.00	495.10
	Paid	Unpaid	Inkind	Total
Totals:	4,044.35	271.13	0.00	4,315.48

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COMMITTEE OR FUND INFORMATION

Committee or fund name <i>New Leadership PAC</i>	Registration number <i>41156</i>
Treasurer name <i>Sheila Kinne</i>	Treasurer email address <i>skinne@gmail.com</i>
Treasurer address <i>11683 Wetters Way</i>	
Treasurer city, state, zip <i>Eden Prairie, Mn 55347</i>	Treasurer telephone (daytime) <i>952-941-4387</i>

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Check one of the boxes below *only if applicable* and provide the requested information.

- No change statement** Check this box only if your committee received *no* contributions and made *no* expenditures during this reporting period. Do not use this statement if there was any monetary change. If there was no change:
 Provide the current cash balance: \$ _____, and sign here
 _____ Date
 I, the treasurer or deputy treasurer (check one) certify there has been no change and that this report is complete, true and correct.
- Amendment** Check this box if your committee or fund is filing this report to amend a previously filed report for this period.
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COMMITTEE TRANSACTION SUMMARY

1	Beginning cash balance 1/1/16 (should be the same as the 12/31/15 ending cash balance)	\$ \emptyset
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A RECEIPTS:			Cash (Col. 1)	Blank (Col. 2)	In-kind (Col. 3)	Total (Col. 4)
2	Total contributions received	Sch. A1 - CR	\$ 12,000		\$	\$
3	Receipts from loans payable	Sch. A2 - LP	\$ \emptyset			\$ \emptyset
4	Miscellaneous income	Sch. A2 - MISC	\$ \emptyset			\$ \emptyset
5	TOTAL RECEIPTS	Sum #2 thru #4	\$ 12,000		\$	\$

B DISBURSEMENTS:			Cash (Col. 1)	Unpaid bills (Col. 2)	In-kind (Col. 3)	Total (Col. 4)
6	General Expenditures	Sch. B1 - EXP	\$ 154.65	\$	\$	\$
7A	Direct Contributions to candidate committees	Sch. B2A - CAN	\$ \emptyset		\emptyset	\emptyset
7B	Approved Expenditures for candidate committees	Sch. B2B - CAN	\$ \emptyset	\$		\$
7C	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATE COMMITTEES	Sum #7A + #7B	\$ \emptyset	\$	\$	\$
8	Contributions to political party units	Sch. B2 - PTY	\$ \emptyset		\$ \emptyset	\$ \emptyset
9	Contributions to political committees and funds	Sch. B2 - PCF	\$ \emptyset		\$ \emptyset	\$ \emptyset
10	Independent expenditures <i>See required form on page 20</i>	Sch. B3 - IND	\$ 2,927.99	\$	\$	\$
11	Ballot question expenditures	Sch. B4 - BQ	\$ \emptyset	\$ \emptyset	\$ \emptyset	\$ \emptyset
12	TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND DISBURSEMENTS	Sum #6 + #7C thru #11	\$ 2,982.64	\$	\$	\$
13	Ending cash balance 7/18/16	#1 + #5 - #12	\$ 9,017.36			

LOANS AND UNPAID OBLIGATIONS SUMMARY

14A	Total outstanding balance of all loans incurred during the current reporting year	Schedule A2-LP	\$ \emptyset
14B	Total outstanding balance of all loans incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Schedule C	\$ \emptyset
14C	Total outstanding balances of all loans	Sum #14A + #14B	\$ \emptyset
15A	Total unpaid obligations incurred during current reporting year	From pg. 3, line 11, col 2	\$ \emptyset
15B	Total unpaid obligations incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. D	\$ \emptyset
15C	Total unpaid obligations	Sum #15A + #15B	\$ \emptyset
16	Total debt of committee	Sum #14C + #15C	\$ \emptyset

CERTIFICATION

I, Sheila Kinne, certify that this report is complete, true, and correct.
 (Print or type name)

Sheila Kinne
 Signature of treasurer deputy treasurer (check one)

7-23-16
 Date

41156
 Registration #

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHEDULE B3 - IND

Use this schedule to itemize independent expenditures made by your committee to advocate the election or defeat of a state legislative, judicial or constitutional office candidate only.

Independent expenditure definition:

- An independent expenditure is an expenditure that advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate that is made without the express or implied consent, authorization, cooperation of, and not in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate, candidate's treasurer, or candidate's agent.

Reporting Instructions for Independent Expenditures

- List independent expenditures alphabetically by the last name of the candidate that the expenditure was for or against.
- In the vendor column, list the name and address of the vendor paid. Use additional rows for multiple independent expenditures affecting the same candidate.
- Itemize an expenditure to a particular vendor only if your committee spent more than \$200 with the vendor on independent expenditures. For example, if your committee purchased a \$150 advertisement for candidate A and another advertisement worth \$60 for candidate B you would list the vendor for each candidate because total independent expenditures with the vendor exceeds \$200. You only need to provide the address of a vendor the first time you list the vendor on schedule B3.
- If you do not spend more than \$200 with a vendor on independent expenditures you do not itemize the expenditures to that vendor under any candidate's name. Instead you include the amount in the Non-itemized Independent Expenditure total at the bottom of the schedule.
- Be sure to indicate if each itemized expenditure was for or against the candidate.
- If your committee makes an independent expenditure that lists more than one candidate you must allocate the cost of the expenditure between the candidates and report the allocated amount under each candidate's name.
- Return a completed Affidavit of Independent Expenditures (on the bottom of this page) with your report.

AFFIDAVIT OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

USE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOUR COMMITTEE MADE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES RELATED TO STATE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, OR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE

State of Minnesota, County of Hennepin ss

I, the undersigned treasurer, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

1. The New Leadership PAC made independent expenditures as described on schedule B3-Ind of the report which this affidavit accompanies. The independent expenditures made by the committee were not made with the authorization or expressed or implied consent of, or in cooperation of, or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate, any candidate's principal campaign committee or agent.

Notarization
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of July, 2016

Shaila Khane 7-20-16
Signature of treasurer Date signed

K. C. Rajagopala
Signature of notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths
Notary Seal
KRISHNESHARY RAJAGOPALA
NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA
My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2020

SCHEDULE B3 - IND - INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

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LIST INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES ON SCHEDULE B1 - EXPENDITURES

Name of candidate affected and office sought (List last name, first name)	Candidate Registration Number REQUIRED	Date of Expenditure	Check One Candidate Expenditure is For	Vendor (Name and Address of Vendor Paid)	Specific purpose of expenditure	1 Cash	2 Unpaid bills	3 In-kind (list item & fair market value)	4 Total
Daudt, Kurt	# 17124	7/15/16	✓	CMS Inc. 3240 Wilson Blvd STC 202 Arlington, VA 22201	Phoning	\$ 200.00	\$	\$	\$
Daudt, Kurt	# 17124	7/16/16	✓	Laboe, Steven 8080 Eden Rd #58 Eden Prairie, MN 55244	Video service	\$ 105.00	\$	\$	\$
Daudt, Kurt	# 17124	7/15/16	✓	Neufeld, Cynthia 6806 CR 6 Kettle River, MN 55257	Phoning, phone expense	\$ 165.00	\$	\$	\$
Daudt, Kurt	# 17124	7/12/16	✓	Veni Graphics P.O. Box 39 Andover, MN 55304	Design + Print Direct Mail	\$ 478.45	\$	\$	\$
Daudt, Kurt	# 17124	7/15/16	✓	Veni Graphics	Design + Print Direct Mail	\$ 465.54	\$	\$	\$
	#					\$	\$	\$	\$
Total of non-itemized expenditures/disbursements						\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTALS						\$	\$	\$	\$
						To p. 3, line 10, col. 1	To p. 3, line 10, col. 2	To p. 3, line 10, col. 3	To p. 3, line 10, col. 4

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SCHEDULE B3 - IND - INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

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Duff, Alan	# 18068	7/15/16	✓	CMS Inc.	Phoning	\$ 200.00	\$	\$	\$
Duff, Alan	# 18068	7/16/16	✓	Laboe, Steven	Video Senia	\$ 105.00	\$	\$	\$
Duff, Alan	# 18068	7/15/16	✓	Newfeld, Cynthia	Phoning, Phone expense	\$ 165.00	\$	\$	\$
Duff, Alan	# 18068	7/12/16	✓	Veni Graphics	Design Print Direct Mail	\$ 478.43	\$	\$	\$
Duff, Alan	# 18068	7/15/16	✓	Veni Graphics	Design Print Direct Mail	\$ 465.55	\$	\$	\$
	#					\$	\$	\$	\$
Total of non-itemized expenditures/disbursements						\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTALS						\$ 2,827.99	\$	\$	\$
						To p. 3, line 10, col. 1	To p. 3, line 10, col. 2	To p. 3, line 10, col. 3	To p. 3, line 10, col. 4

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Our 2nd mailer. Aren't Minnesotans taxed enough already? We need #NewLeadership #31A #DaudtOut #Aug9 #mnleg #tcot

NE Kurt Daudt can't pay his bills... but he'll raise YOUR taxes!

New @NewLeadershipMN *Proposes a \$100 Million PER YEAR tax hike on license tab fees!*

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"House Republicans now embrace tab fee increase" Fox9 5/17/16
"GOP offers license tab hike" Associated Press 5/17/16

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"I don't understand a Republican asking for that increase," he said.

Daudt replied that his 18-month campaign against Dayton's gas tax increase was ultimately successful. He said the car tab proposal was a tactical ploy to show Minnesotans that Dayton wasn't serious about making a deal on transportation, a Daudt priority since so many rural residents are driving on crumbling roads.

Duff also points to what he views as unacceptable spending increases and the House GOP's proposal — currently in limbo as Daudt negotiates with Dayton — to borrow \$1 billion to spend on infrastructure like roads, bridges and water systems.

"We have a large surplus. During that time we have a Republican asking for bonding, for more debt, for roads. That's not the way I manage my family household," Duff said.

Daudt said that the two-year general fund budget passed in 2015 included one of the lowest increases in the past 50 years, an assessment backed by the state budget office. And, Daudt said, he has directed spending toward more rural districts like his, including money for nursing homes, schools and transportation.

The speaker said his friendly, moderate demeanor can be misunderstood: He has one of the most conservative voting records in the House.

Daudt said he is taking nothing for granted and managed to throw a barb at his former County Board colleague, attacking Duff's past support for commuter rail. Daudt has been a fierce opponent to the Southwest Light Rail Transit extension from downtown Minneapolis to Eden Prairie.

In the end, Daudt seems confident he will beat Duff. "This is my community. These are my friends. These are my neighbors," he said. "These people go to church with me. I know these people. I am these people. I feel and think the same way they do, because I come from this community. I don't have to pretend to be something else," he said.

But Daudt also said he's aware of "the bubble," the phenomenon of lawmakers forgetting that most people carry on with their lives, only vaguely aware of the decisions and battles that consume the Capitol chambers for months each year.

Of the five locals in Dunn Bros., three were not familiar with Daudt, while the other two were DFLers. The guy working at Hair Trigger Gun Shop doesn't know Daudt's name, either.

The one-chair barbershop in Zimmerman is a taxidermy showcase featuring a moose, 12-point bucks, northerns, walleyes and a stuffed beaver.

When you want to pay barber William Gulick with a check, you make it out to "Barber," which is the shop's simple name. It's housed in an old bank. Gulick keeps his guns in the giant vault.

"Out of the cities, we're pretty darned conservative," Gulick said as he neatly trimmed the hair and mustache of a customer.

Gulick said he knows about Daudt and is generally supportive but couldn't imagine getting himself worked up enough to vote in the primary.

He grew reflective, leaning on Ecclesiastes: "We all look in the mirror and see one thing. But the world sees another. It's vanity."