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DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
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Stronger Together Political Issues Committee
611 East 800 North
Orem, Utah 84097

Dear Aerwyn Whitlock,

This message is to inform you that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor received a complaint against the “Stronger Together” political issues committee. The complaint has been attached for your reference.

It has been suggested that a non-officer of the “Stronger Together” political issues committee has been acting in the capacity of an officer. Additionally, it has been brought to our attention that the “Stronger Together” political issues committee may no longer be functioning as a political issues committee, by advocating for or promoting certain candidates for municipal office.

As you know, Utah Code Section 20A-11-101 defines a political issues committee as “an entity, or any group of individuals or entities within or outside this state, a major purpose of which is to:

- (i) solicit or receive donations from any other person, group, or entity to assist in placing a ballot proposition on the ballot, assist in keeping a ballot proposition off the ballot, or to advocate that a voter refrain from voting or vote for or vote against any ballot proposition;
- (ii) make expenditures to expressly advocate for any person to sign or refuse to sign a ballot proposition or incorporation petition or refrain from voting, vote for, or vote against any proposed ballot proposition or an incorporation in an incorporation election; or
- (iii) make expenditures to assist in qualifying or placing a ballot proposition on the ballot or to assist in keeping a ballot proposition off the ballot.”

This definition of PIC does not contemplate a PIC’s advocating for candidates. The Election Code separately allows for organizing and registering a Political Action Committee, a “PAC”, for promoting individual candidates for office. See, Utah Code 20A-11- part 6. If you feel that “Stronger

Together” no longer fits within this definition of PIC, you may dissolve the political issues committee under 20A-11-801(4). If you feel that “Stronger Together” does still fit within this definition, you may amend the statement of organization to include the non-officer as a primary officer.

In accordance with Utah Code Section 20A-11-803, you have seven days to respond to this notice. If no action is taken, code requires that our office imposes a civil fine of \$1,000.00. The PIC may also be subject to criminal charges and penalties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deidre M. Henderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor