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By OGC/CELA at 4:28 pm, Oct 18, 2022

Good afternoon,

My name is Jeannine Lee Lake and I am the candidate who will soon file a libel and defamation lawsuit against Bloossum, Jenni King-Witzel and Janay Barnes for their absolute degradation of me and my 2022 Congressional campaign - which includes this embarrassing and baseless complaint with the FEC.

As I sit here and read this ridiculous filing by Janay Barnes, I see that it is full of incendiary allegations that has no credible evidence nor ANY documents of substance being presented.

These accusations are basically second-hand opinions from Janay's interactions with Jenni and are 100% without merit. The comments are not only sophomoric in tone and nature, but just extremely unkind considering the courteous and professional manner that I have repeatedly bestowed toward this fledgling company.

Bloossum employee Jenni King-Witzel and Janay Barnes had done really good work for the campaign, but in September were angered because they wanted control of the finances for the campaign. They were told to "stay in their lane," repeatedly after they began tirades about my spending habits - which I now know they but did with at least two other black female candidates in Indiana - Dr. Valerie McCray and Haneefah Khaaliq, who said they were both maligned by defamatory and libelous smears (with ZERO credible evidence) after they disagreed with Jenni.

I hired Bloossum to give them a chance to run a federal campaign, but clearly they were not worthy of the opportunity to represent a viable candidate like me.

Bloossum did well as far as the goals and expectations in my own campaign, but I do know they lost every single race they promoted this spring except mine and that is in large part because I did a great deal of the work myself.

I regret that Jenni suddenly became angry because she didn't have control over the campaign finances, and frankly I'm stymied as to why she felt she should have been involved at all.

After she repeatedly started questioning me on how funds were being spent, things deteriorated quickly and when I fired her for insubordination, she lied and told others she was "stepping away" from the campaign ... (the conversation where I fired her was recorded and debunks the lie she clearly told Janay and others - which is I FIRED her lying self).

Had I met her demands to have access to the money, had I let her control everything, we wouldn't be here today.

Me standing up to her caused her to want to retaliate and has pushed Janay to file this complaint (which is weird in and of itself).

That's it. Lots of drama, but clearly nothing substantial. I'm so sorry for all of this and hope this is resolved quickly.

Thank you.

Jeannine Lee Lake

