

Case ID: EC-52898465

Title: Possible legal offences committed by Maxime Bernier

Status: Resolved

Status Reason: Sent to Commissioner of Canada Elections

Owner: Geneviève Bilodeau-Bouchard

#### Contact Details

Contact: [REDACTED]

Preferred Contact Method: Any

Email: [REDACTED]

Language: English

#### Case Details

Client Purpose: Complaint

Subject: Political Financing

Subject: 3 - Medium

Channel: Web Form

Location or Site: Not specified

Elector Voted: Yes

#### Case History

Created By: Nina Ursachi

Created On: 26/09/2019 11:23:49 AM

Modified By: EC Connex Plugin

Modified On: 28/09/2019 6:09:30 PM

Resolved By: Geneviève Bilodeau-Bouchard

Resolved On: 28/09/2019 6:09:30 PM

Routed By: Christopher Morris

Related Queue: EC - Electoral Integrity Office

#### Electoral Details

Electoral Event: 51 - FORTY-THIRD GENERAL ELECTION

Event State: Event

FLO Region: 891 - Southern Ontario 2

Electoral District: 35035 - Hamilton Centre

Province: Ontario (ON)

#### Web Form Details

Related Web Form Intake: EC-52898465

E-mail: [REDACTED]

#### Webform Message:

I would like to make a complaint regarding possible legal offences committed by Maxime Bernier, a candidate in this election and leader of the federally registered People's Party of Canada, and by Tyrone McAllister, a volunteer with a local electoral district association of the People's Party of Canada.

On September 29, 2019 a planned rally and fundraiser for the PPC (and/or one or more undisclosed local candidates and/or EDAs) had been scheduled for Hamilton, Ontario. This was to feature the services and entertainment of Mr. Dave Rubin, a U.S. citizen and broadcaster who is well-known as a political agitator.

The local PPC organizers announced on September 26 that the event would need to be cancelled because its host, Mohawk College, had evaluated the necessary security costs and informed them of a substantial increase. (This is likely due to the large number of far-right elements within the PPC, such as

local EDA president Shaun A. Walker, a notorious neo-Nazi hate criminal and political leader recently come to Canada also from the United States.)

Mr. Rubin, who is wealthy and not a Canadian citizen nor resident in Canada (he resides in California), offered to cover these expenses himself from his own pocket following entreaties by Maxime Bernier and Tyrone McAllister. Their responses to Mr. Rubin's offer to make this large cash donation to the PPC are included here.

I also believe the donation of Mr. Rubin's services (he is a very well-known broadcaster with many tens or even hundreds of thousands of listeners) to this fundraiser event also constitutes a donation in kind to the PPC, local candidates, or the riding association.

I believe the donation of Mr. Rubin's services well below their fair market value (I believe his speaking fees are above five figures in US dollars) to be an illegal donation and I believe his donation of funds to cover security costs for his event to be an illegal donation. I believe that Mr. Bernier and Mr. McAllister are fully aware that Mr. Rubin is a non-citizen and non-resident of Canada, and that they nevertheless wished to have him donate to the PPC, and therefore acted in furtherance of this illegal fundraising activity.

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#### Notes Attached to Record

Related Record: EC-52898465

Note Title:

Created By: Nina Ursachi

Created On: 26/09/2019 11:40:14 AM

Modified By: Nina Ursachi

Modified On: 26/09/2019 11:40:14 AM

Note Text:

I ma routing the case to candidates team for further investigation.

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Related Record: EC-52898465

Note Title: EMAIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Created By: Geneviève Bilodeau-Bouchard

Created On: 28/09/2019 6:09:22 PM

Modified By: Geneviève Bilodeau-Bouchard

Modified On: 28/09/2019 6:09:22 PM

Note Text:

From: Info50

Sent: September-28-19 2:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Response from Elections Canada - ID# EC-52898465

Our File: EC-52898465

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting Elections Canada on September 26, 2019.

Elections Canada is the independent agency responsible for the conduct of federal elections and referendums. We administer the Canada Elections Act (the Act) as adopted by Parliament. However, we do not conduct enforcement activities, such as investigations or the prosecution of offences.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections is the independent officer whose duty is to enforce the Act and the Referendum Act. Please note that when Elections Canada redirects a complaint to the Commissioner,

this does not mean that Elections Canada views this complaint as an offence under the Act, but merely as a matter that falls under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner.

We have redirected your complaint to the Commissioner's office. Should it warrant further consideration, the Commissioner's office will investigate.

If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us again.

Yours sincerely,

Elections Canada

613-993-2975 (from anywhere in the world), collect calls accepted

1-800-463-6868 (toll-free in Canada and the United States)

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