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### Campaign Finance and Practices

### Complaint Form (08/17)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

#### Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Gallatin County Republicans  
Complete Mailing Address PO Box 2005  
Bozeman MT 59771  
Phone Numbers: Work 406.518.7000 Home \_\_\_\_\_

#### Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

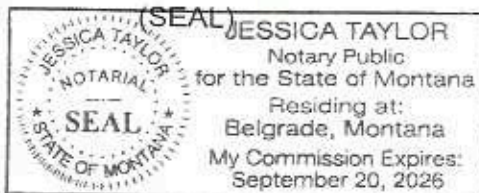
Complete Name Open Democracy PAC - Samuel Nitz  
Complete Mailing Address 611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #192  
Washington DC 20003  
Phone Numbers: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alledged violation.**

#### Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Gallatin

I, E. J. Ave GilleHe, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.



[Signature]  
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of October, 2022.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9/20/2026

**Statement of facts:**

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

The Open Democracy PAC, in an effort to manipulate Montana voters, has been sending candidate/race materials in Gallatin County and possibly other Montana counties as well. This violates Montana law which requires that all spending in Montana issues or races be transparent to the public and reported through COPP.

Specifically, in Gallatin County the Open Democracy PAC has sent to voters at least 2 mailers to thousands of voters. Voters are concerned about this dark money PAC which is working non-stop to conceal their true motives and rig the election of the Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder.

**Complaints must be:**

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.



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NITZ, TREASURER, 611 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE  
#192, WASHINGTON, DC 20003. NOT AUTHORIZED  
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**YOUR VOTE CAN HELP**

**PROTECT OUR DEMOCRACY**

Re-Elect Democrat **Eric Semerad**

for Gallatin County Clerk & Recorder



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VOTE NO ON  
COUNTY CLERK  
AND RECORDER  
CANDIDATE  
MARLA DAVIS

WE CAN'T TRUST  
MARLA DAVIS  
TO PROTECT  
OUR ELECTIONS AS  
GALLATIN COUNTY  
CLERK AND RECORDER



The Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder is responsible for ensuring fair and secure elections. It is our responsibility to vote for someone who believes in upholding our democracy—not dismantling it.

Marla Davis has demonstrated a pattern of promoting unfounded conspiracy theories about elections. In 2018, election experts determined that so-called efforts to crack down on "voter fraud" were actually a means to intimidate voters and spread conspiracies.<sup>1</sup> Davis attended a partisan rally to pressure state leaders into wasting precious time and taxpayer dollars on a special session to investigate our elections.<sup>2</sup>

After 2020, these same kind of unfounded claims about elections helped incite the deadly January 6 attack on the Capitol.<sup>3</sup>

Make no mistake—we cannot trust Marla Davis to uphold our democracy.

CHECK THE FACTS:

- 1. Brennan Center for Justice, The Myth of Voter Fraud.
- 2. Bozeman Daily Chronicle 4/12/22.
- 3. Brookings Institution, 7/6/22.



ELECTIONS ARE NOT SOME CONSPIRACY.

WITH SO MUCH AT STAKE, WE CAN'T LET  
EXTREMISTS TAKE AWAY YOUR VOTE.

KEEP  
MARLA  
DAVIS  
OUT OF  
OFFICE





**Democrat**

# **ERIC SEMERAD**

**will protect free and fair elections in Gallatin County.**

## **OUR DEMOCRACY IS AT RISK.**

Free and fair elections are the foundation of our democracy. Efforts to undermine the will of the people and make it harder to vote are un-American.

## **KEEPING OUR ELECTIONS FREE AND FAIR IS VITAL.**

You can stop these dangerous attacks on our democracy and make sure our elections are about us, not partisan special interests.

## **YOUR VOTE CAN PROTECT OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS.**

When you vote for Eric Semerad, you are voting to protect our rights. He will fight to safeguard our democracy and ensure that every vote counts.



It's time to reclaim our democracy.

Re-Elect Democrat Eric Semerad. Vote by Election Day, November 8