STATE OF COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE Administrative Hearing Office 1700 Broadway, Suite 550 Denver, CO 80290

Case number:

2025 AHO 12 CPF (*in re* ED 2024-88)

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTIONS DIVISION of the SECRETARY OF STATE

Complainant

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YARA FOR COLORADO,

Respondent

SCHEDULING ORDER

1. Complainant filed an Administrative Hearing Officer Complaint April 17, 2025. The Complaint alleges violations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) in connection with text messages sent by Respondent Committee to voters in October 2024. The Complaint alleges that the texts failed to contain compliant disclaimers as required by FCPA § 1-45-108.3(3).

2. The pleadings, actions and events in this case shall happen on the schedule below. Where a date is on the weekend or a holiday, the date is extended to the next business day. All pleadings shall be served on the hearing officer at <u>administrativehearingofficer@coloradosos.gov</u> and on the other people using the address shown for them in the Certificate of Service below.

Pleading or event	Days after	Date of event
	Complaint	
Complaint		Thursday, April 17, 2025
Scheduling Order	4	Monday, April 21, 2025
Answer	30	Saturday, May 17, 2025
Discovery ends	90	Wednesday, July 16, 2025
Dispositive Motions	104	Wednesday, July 30, 2025
Response to Disp.	118	Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Motions		
Reply re Disp Motions	125	Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Pre-hearing statements	104	Wednesday, July 30, 2025
due		
Exhibits list	107	Friday, August 15, 2025
Hearing	124	Tuesday, August 19, 2025

3. Motions shall be handled in accordance with Campaign & Political Finance [CPF] Rule 24.9, 8 Code Colo. Regs. 1505-6.

4. **Prehearing Statements** shall comply with CPF Rule 24.11.

5. **Exchange of exhibits.** Exhibits of the parties are to be exchanged on the same date that Prehearing Statements are filed.

6. **Exhibit format.** Exhibits of the parties are also to be filed on the same date as the Prehearing Statements. Each party shall put its exhibits in a single bookmarked pdf file, with each exhibit labeled (with the Division using numbers and the Respondent using letters) and bookmarked within the pdf file. The exhibit "labels" must contain the exhibit number or letter, the hearing date and the case number.

7. **Trial Efficiencies.** Include an estimate of time needed for direct examination of each witness in each parties' case in chief, as well as the amount of time required to try the case.

8. The Division shall file **a single exhibit list**, noting stipulations as to admissibility and objections by the parties, using the template that will be provided by the Court Clerk on request.

9. **Hearing in this matter**, pursuant to \$1-45-111.7(6)(a) and \$24-4-105, C.R.S. is hereby scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the hearing room of the Secretary of State at 1700 Broadway, Suite 550, Denver, CO 80290.

SO ORDERED this 20th day of April 2025.

Macon Cowles, Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that one true copy of this Scheduling Order was sent via email on April 21st, 2025 to the following:

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