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LAFAYETTE REPUBLICAN PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

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15th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

VERSUS

PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

DENICE SKINNER

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PETITION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT and DAMAGES

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes the Petitioner, LAFAYETTE REPUBLICAN PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, through its Chairman, Tim Breaux, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as, "LRPEC"), who files the instant Petition for Breach of Contract and Damages Petition, with respect to same, does hereby allege, aver, espouse, attest and state as follows, to-wit:

1.

Petitioner, LAFAYETTE REPUBLICAN PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, is a political organization and association organized and established by the laws of the State of Louisiana and operates in the Parish of Lafayette and is authorized to file the instant suit through its Chairman, Tim Breaux.

2.

Made Defendant herein is **DENICE SKINNER**, an individual of the full age of majority and believed to be domiciled in the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, who is amenable to the courts of the State of Louisiana and indebted unto the Plaintiff in this matter for the following, to wit:

3.

In or about July, 2019, Defendant, **DENICE SKINNER**, was an elected member of the Lafayette Republican Parish Executive Committee. However, after having lost her bid on July 11, 2020 to be re-elected to the organization by the general public, she was appointed back on the **LRPEC** in August 2020.

4.

In or about July, 2019, Defendant, **DENICE SKINNER**, offered to volunteer her time to **LRPEC** in order to create, develop and manage a Facebook page for the **LRPEC**, and the Executive Committee, on behalf of **LRPEC**, accepted said offer. The understanding of the parties was that the Facebook page would be owned by and would be expressly and exclusively

for the benefit of LRPEC in order to, among other things, but not exclusively to: promote the LRPEC's political views, enlist volunteers for political campaigns, raise money for the LRPEC, and acquire a large electronic media following for ongoing LRPEC proprietary use.

5.

Over the course of management of the LPREC Facebook page, Defendant, DENICE SKINNER, reported expenses to LPREC in an amount in excess of \$35,000.00 and was reimbursed for same.

6.

During the course of management of the LPREC Facebook page it is alleged that, Defendant, DENICE SKINNER, used, commandeered and/or misappropriated the LPREC for her own personal gain without authorization from the LPREC, and to the detriment of the LPREC.

7.

Plaintiff, LPREC, has made amicable demand upon Defendant, DENICE SKINNER, through its Chairman, Tim Breaux, for the return of the approximately \$35,000.00 in expenses or the return of the LRPEC Facebook page, but Defendant, DENICE SKINNER, has refused either option.

8.

Plaintiff, LPREC, is entitled to return of all amounts that Defendant, DENICE SKINNER, was paid as reimbursement of expenses for the creation and management of the LPREC Facebook page in addition to all funds and/or profits received by and/or through Defendant, DENICE SKINNER, as a result of the unauthorized use, commandeering and/or misappropriation of the LPREC Facebook page for Defendant, DENICE SKINNER's own personal gain. Further, Plaintiff, LPREC, is entitled to the return of its Facebook page, along with all other proprietary information contained on said page.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LAFAYETTE REPUBLICAN PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, prays that Defendant, DENICE SKINNER, be served with the instant Petition and be cited to appear and answer it, and that after due proceedings had, there be Judgment for Plaintiff and against Defendant named herein.

PLAINTIFF FURTHER PRAYS for all legal interest from date of judicial demand until paid, for all costs of these proceedings, and all other just an equitable relief to which Plaintiff is

entitled.

Respectfully submitted:

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