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Barbara Thomas, President of Fair Campaign Practices for the Capital Region, Inc. (FCP) received an emergency complaint from Joseph Gomez this Sunday evening when she returned from an evening out. The complaint alleges that someone or some organization seeking to advance the candidacy of Timothy Nichols has mailed two pieces of campaign literature, timed to arrive at the last minute and falsely accusing Mr. Gomez of advocating a commuter tax, having been on the board of the Urban League when it developed financial problems, having issued or benefited from change orders from the State University Construction Fund. Neither piece identified who had mailed it, although one mailer had the bulk mail permit of the Colonie Democratic Committee. The other piece was mailed with first class stamps. Lack of attribution is clearly an unfair campaign practice, and voters should look askance at any campaign literature which does not state who paid for it and which does not contain contact information. Such literature is often false and misleading.

The timing of these mailings is such that there is no time for FCP to hold a hearing on this matter or for Mr. Gomez to counteract it, or if he does not stand behind it, for Mr. Nichols to disavow it. FCP calls upon the print and broadcast media join with us devise a solution to this problem that will discourage the use of virulent attack ads immediately prior to elections.

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