



Media Advisory

Statement from Rachel Zenzinger: 'A new low in politics'

ARVADA, Colo. (Oct. 22, 2016) – Boxes of fortune cookies with false messaging arrived in Arvada and Westminster voters' mailboxes this weekend, and State Senate Dist. 19 Candidate Rachel Zenzinger called it a "new low in Colorado politics."

Demonstrating the highest degree of disregard for the Jefferson County District Attorney's office, a Republican group called Colorado Citizens for Accountable Government sent the packages with the false message that the cookie commemorates "Rachel Zenzinger's vote for a taxpayer-funded trip to China." Zenzinger has never been to China.

Just two days previously, Zenzinger had [filed a complaint](#) with the DA's office about false mailers that implied she had taken a personal vacation to China using taxpayers' money. In public statements following her interaction with the DA's office, Zenzinger called upon her opponent, Sen. Laura Woods, to disavow these false ads. Woods has not responded.

"As far as we can determine, this strategy by Woods' supporters represents a new low in Colorado political campaigning, and in fact it is not a strategy at all," said Zenzinger. "The word strategy implies some element of creativity, and there is none here. Some desperate Republican henchman decided at some point it would be better to create this outright lie, rather than lose the election and possibly lose majority control of the Senate."

The majority leader in the Senate is Bill Cadman, who has publicly acknowledged that he will do whatever the Koch Brothers tell him to do, with no regard for ethics or even legalities. It is a violation of Colorado Revised Statute 1-13-109 to distribute material in an election that is knowingly false, and the crime is considered a first class misdemeanor.

"I'm looking into the future, and I would say fortunes look bleak for the people who concocted this criminal ad campaign," said Zenzinger.

The fortune cookie mailer is one of at least a dozen in this campaign cycle that has referred falsely to a trip to China that Zenzinger never took. The story was expertly [dissected by Politifact](#) and aired on Denver's Channel 7 in July. Politifact rated it as a "Pants on Fire" falsehood.

For more information about this issue and about the Rachel Zenzinger campaign, please go to www.RachelforColorado.com.

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