

## Anti-Fantino group changes name, registers as third party



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The group, which has been renamed as "Against Fantino," was told by Elections Canada that they could not campaign under their original name, saying it sounded similar to the Conservative Party of Canada and would confuse voters.

As a third party, the group is allowed to spend up to \$3,765 in advertising to endorse or oppose candidates in the Nov. 29 by-election.

Mr. Fantino is running as the Conservative party candidate for the riding of Vaughan, Ont., just north of Toronto.

Gary McHale, one of the group's founders, has been openly critical of Mr. Fantino and the OPP for their role in the 2006 native occupation in Caledonia, Ont. Both sides made accusations of poor leadership and corruption.

Mr. McHale argues that the OPP was instructed to ignore unlawful actions committed by native protesters. Mr. Fantino says that Mr. McHale provoked police and encouraged confrontations.

"He's campaigning that he's a great law and order kind of person and that's exactly what we're challenging," said Mr. McHale.

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