

December 6, 2023

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Community Outreach

In November 2023, information on the Agency's Traditional and Fair Elections Programs were presented during two virtual ANC meetings held on November 1st and 8th. These meetings were held by the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 3D and 1A. Additionally, on November 8th, OCF conducted a virtual training session for the public.

FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the FEP's production stats for the Month of November 2023:

AUTHORIZED BASE AMOUNT AND MATCHING PAYMENTS

2020 Election Cycle. By way of background, the 2020 Election Cycle was the first election cycle during which the Fair Elections Program was fully implemented. The total sum of **\$4,016,797.64** was disbursed from the FAIR ELECTIONS FUND in BASE AMOUNT (\$1,120,000.00) AND MATCHING PAYMENTS (\$2,896,797.64) to the Thirty-Six (36) Candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program to participate in the June 2, 2020, Primary Election, the June 16, 2020, Special Election (also conducted during this timeframe), and the November 3, 2020, General Election. The 2020 Election Cycle closed on November 3, 2020, and the 2020 Special Election Cycle closed on June 16, 2020.

2022 Election Cycle. The Office of Campaign Finance authorized the total sum of **\$12,358,606.95** for disbursement from the FAIR ELECTIONS FUND in BASE AMOUNT (\$1,680,000.00) AND MATCHING PAYMENTS (\$10,678,606.95), to the Forty-Two (42) Candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program to participate in the June 21, 2022, Primary Election (Thirty-One (31) Candidates) and the November 8, 2022 General Election (Eleven (11) Candidates). The 2022 Election Cycle closed on November 8, 2022.

2024 Election Cycle. As of this date, there are three (3) certified Participating Candidates in the Fair Elections Program.

CANDIDATES CERTIFIED IN THE FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM FOR THE 2024 ELECTION CYCLE, AND DISBURSEMENTS MADE DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023 TO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES:

- 1. Re- Elect Brooke Pinto 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. On November 1, 2023, Matching Payments in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$33,600.00) were authorized for disbursement from the Elections Fund.
- 2. The Friends of Salim Adofo, Principal Campaign Committee. On November 7, 2023, Matching Payments were authorized in the amount of Thirteen Thousand and Eighty-Five Dollars (\$13,085.00) were authorized for disbursement from the Elections Fund.
- 3. Janeese Lewis George, the Committee to Re-elect Janeese Lewis George, Principal Campaign Committee. The Candidate Janeese Lewis George was certified on November 7, 2023 as a Participating Candidate in the Fair Elections Program in the June 4, 2024 Primary Election for the Covered Office of Member of the Council from Ward 4. Matching Payments were authorized for disbursement from the Elections Fund in the total amount of One Hundred Five Thousand and One Hundred and Ninety-Five Dollars (\$105,195.00), and the first half of the Base Amount Payment in the total amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Desk Reviews of Amended Reports of Receipts & Expenditures Twenty-Nine (29)))
Requests for Additional Information (RFAI) Letters Ten (10))

CANDIDATE/TREASURER CONSULTATIONS

There were no Candidate/Treasurer Consultations for the Month of November 2023.

REMITTED FUNDS

As of November 30, 2023, the total sum of **\$803,207.20** has been remitted for deposit in the Fair Elections Fund from the campaign operations of Participating Candidates in the 2022 Election Cycle.

ONGOING 2020 POST-ELECTION FULL FIELD AUDITS

The 2020 Election Cycle. The following Eleven (11) Post-Election Audits are currently ongoing before the Fair Elections Program at various stages, including Audit Documentation received and Audit in progress; Audit Complete and the Preliminary Statement of Findings issued, and/or Response received and Under Review/Draft Final Audit submitted to the Audit Manager and Under Review; and Failure to submit Audit Documentation and Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC). The FEP Division has issued a total of Twenty-Three (23) Final Audit Reports of the Post-Election Audits initiated for the 2020 Election Cycle.

Post-Election Audits – The June 2, 2020, Primary Election (Audits initiated on June 19, 2020, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who did not proceed to the General Election):

- 1. Green for Ward 7 Audit documentation received on August 6, 2020. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to FEP Manager for review.
- Kishan for DC 2020 Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) on February 16, 2021, for failure to submit the required documentation. Hearing held on March 10, 2021, no response from Committee, 2nd Hearing held on March 25, 2021 no response from Committee. The OGC issued an Order on April 20, 2021, and the Committee was fined One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Referred to the OGC for further action on May 23, 2022.
- 3. Jordan Grossman for Ward 2 Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 30, 2021.** Response submitted July 12, 2021. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 17, 2022. Under review of FEP Manager.
- Mike for Ward 8 Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 23, 2021. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review.

Post-Election Audits: The June 16, 2020, Special Election (Audits initiated on July 6, 2020, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who participated in the Special Election).

 Jordan Grossman, Jordan Grossman for Ward 2 Special Election – Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 30, 2021. Response received on July 12, 2021. Under review of the FEP Manager.

Post-Election Audits: The November 3, 2021, General Election (Audits initiated on March 30, 2021, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who participated in the November 3, 2020, General Election).

- 1. James for Ward 2 State Board of Education Audit initiated on March 30, 2021, no documentation has been received. Referred to the OGC, Hearing held on August 11, 2021, No one representing the committee attended. OGC will reschedule the Hearing. Audit is in progress, with documentation received. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review.
- 2. Committee to Elect Jeanne' Lewis for City Council Audit documentation received on August 15, 2021. Audit in progress.

- 3. Monica Palacio for City Council Audit initiated on March 30, 2021. No documentation has been received as of June 30, 2021. Referred to OGC on August 23, 2021. Audit documentation received on Oct. 5, 2021. Audit in progress.
- 4. Will Merrifield for DC Audit documents received on June 6, 2021. Audit in progress.
- 5. Markus For DC Audit initiated on March 30, 2021. No documentation has been received as of June 30, 2021. Referred to OGC on August 23, 2021. Hearing held on October 6, 2021. No one from the Committee attended. Order entered imposing fine of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,850.00) for the failure to respond to the Audit. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022.
- 6. Franklin for DC 2020 Audit documentation received on May 7, 2021. Audit in progress.

ONGOING 2022 POST-ELECTION FULL FIELD AUDITS

The Office of Campaign Finance issued Forty-Two (42) Post-Election Audits Letters for the June 21, 2022, Primary Election and the November 8, 2022 General Election to Candidates who were certified to participate in the 2022 Election Cycle. (Audits initiated on March 13, 2023 and March 24, 2023). To date, the FEP has issued Twenty (20) Preliminary Statements of Audit Findings and Fifteen (15) Final Audit Reports for the 2022 Election Cycle, including the following:

Preliminary Audit Findings Reports and Final Audit Reports issued in the Month of November 2023

Committee to Elect Sabel Harris, Preliminary Audit Report issued on November 2, 2023

Robert for DC, Preliminary Audit Report issued on November 6, 2023

Brianne for DC, Preliminary Audit Report issued on November 7, 2023.

Friends of Lisa Gore, Preliminary Audit Report issued on November 7, 2023

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the PIRMs production stats for the Month of November 2023:

FILING OF REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

There were no Due Dates during the Month of November 2023 for the Filing of Reports of Receipts and Expenditures

NEW CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

2024 Election Cycle (This is a running list for the 2024 Election Cycle of Candidate/Committee Registrations). New Candidate/Committee Registrations for the current month are in bold.

Traditional Program Candidates

Candidate Totals: 8

Primary = 8

Council, At- Large ____ Council, Ward 2 ____ Council, Ward 4 ____ Council, Ward 7 ___1 Council, Ward 8 ___1 U.S. Shadow Rep ___1 U.S. Shadow Sen ___5

General = $_0_$

Council, At-Large	
Council, Ward 2	
Council, Ward 4	
Council, Ward 7	
Council, Ward 8	_
U.S. Shadow Rep	_
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List of Candidates and Registration Dates

Office of Council, At-Large (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 2 (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 4 (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 7(Primary Election)Ebbon Allen4/24/2023

Office of Council, Ward 8(Primary Election)Rahman Branch1/23/2023

Office of U.S. Shadow Representative (Primary Election) Oye Owolewa 6/7/2023

Office of U.S. Shadow Senator (Primary Election)Brandaun (POTA) Douglass5/26/2023Wendy Hamilton7/28/2023Andrew Haynesworth7/31/2023Ankit Jain9/27/2023Yolanda Anderson11/28/2023

Office of Council, At-Large (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 2 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 4 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 7 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 8 (General Election)

Office of U.S. Shadow Representative (General Election)

Office of U.S. Shadow Senator (General Election)

Fair Elections Program Candidates

Candidate Totals: 12

Primary = 10

Council, At- Large	_3
Council, Ward 2	_1
Council, Ward 4	2
Council, Ward 7	_2
Council, Ward 8	_2

General = 2

Council, At-Large _2

Council, Ward 2	_
Council, Ward 4	_
Council, Ward 7	_
Council, Ward 8	_

List of Candidates and Registration Dates

Office of Council, At-L	arge (Primary Election)
Robert White	8/1/2023
Rodney Grant	8/7/2023
Kevin Rapp	10/1/2023

Office of Council, Ward 2 (Primary Election)Brooke Pinto6/14/2023

Office of Council, Ward 4 (Primary Election)Janeese Lewis George10/4/2023Paul Johnson11/1/2023

Office of Council,	Ward 7(Primary Election)
Veda Rasheed	9/14/2023
Ebony Payne	11/15/2023

Office of Council, Ward 8(Primary Election)Salim K. Adofo11/18/2022Markus Batchelor10/4/2023

Office of Council, At-Large (General Election)Christina Henderson10/11/2023Patricia Eguino11/3/2023

Office of Council, Ward 2 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 4 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 7 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 8 (General Election)

Committee Registrations

Initiative Committees

 Make All Votes Count DC (Initiative Committee) Philip E. Pannell, Treasurer Registration Date: May 17, 2023

<u>Candidates & Treasurers who have completed the OCF Entrance Conference for</u> <u>November 2023</u>

- 1. Christina Henderson/Candidate, Council At-Large
- 2. Patricia Eguino/Candidate, Council At-Large
- 3. Joyce DeCerce/Treasurer, Patricia Eguino for DC Council
- 4. Thomas Maloney/Treasurer, Friends of Christina Henderson 2024
- 5. Isabella Ariza/Treasurer, Ankit Jain for Senate

REPORTS ANALYSIS AND AUDIT DIVISION (The Traditional Campaign Finance Program)

The following is an accounting of the RAAD's production stats for the Month of November 2023:

DESK REVIEWS (16) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Political Action Committees (includes amended reports)	13
Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)	0
US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)	1
Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports)	2
Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates	0
Inaugural Committee	0
Exploratory Committees	0
Independent Expenditures (includes amended reports)	0
Form 16-IE (Single Independent IE)	0
Initiative/Referendum/Recall	0
Twenty-four Hour Reports	0
Attorney General	0
Legal Defense Fund (includes amended reports)	0
Audit Letters (RFAI) Sent	2
Follow-up Letters Sent	0
Case(s) Resolved (includes voluntary amendments)	2
FOIA Request	0
Candidate/Treasurer/Political Committees Consultations (DC Latino PAC)	0
Cases Referred to the Office of the General Counsel	1
Cases Referred for Contributions with Same Address and Similar Signatures	0

Cases Terminated	0
Hearings Attended	0
Early Voting Site Visits	0
Precinct Visits	0
Virtual Webinars Attended	0
Outside Seminars Attended	0
Entrance Conferences	0

AUDITS ISSUED

• NONE

ON GOING AUDITS:

- 1) Full Field Audits: Newly Elected Officials
- Kenyan McDuffie 2022 (Ryan Wilburn/Jaylen Byrdsong) The audit fieldwork is completed. The Preliminary Draft Statement of Findings was issued on November 21, 2023.

2) Full Field Audits: Inaugural Committees

 DC Proud Inaugural Committee - (Ryan Wilburn/DeAndria Savage) - The Audit Notification Letter was issued on September 9, 2023 with a due date of October 11, 2023. A reminder email was sent on October 12, 2023 with an extended due date of October 20, 2023. On October 23, 2023, the Committee was referred to the OCF General Counsel for failure to provide the audit records per Audit Notification Letter. The audit records were received on November 28, 2023. The audit fieldwork has commenced.

3) <u>Constituent Service Program: Periodic Random Audits – October 1, 2023 Report</u> (Audit Notification Letter issued on October 13, 2023 records due October 30, 2023)

- Ward 5 Council Office Constituent Service Fund (Jaylen Powell Byrdsong) The records were not received on the due date. Reminder Email sent October 15, 2023. The records were received on October 16, 2023. Audit fieldwork is in progress.
- Citizens Outreach Fund The records were not received on the due date. Reminder email sent on October 15, 2023 with a due date of October 17, 2023. The CSP was referred to the OCF General Counsel on November 22, 2023.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

2023 MONTHLY IN-TAKE/OUTPUT REPORT

	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Opinion Request					0		
Received							
Opinion Request					0		
Completed							
Complaints					1		
Received							
Internal Queries					0		
Preliminary					0		
Investigations					Ŭ		
Initiated							
Preliminary					0		
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Full					1		
Investigations							
Initiated							
Full					0		
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Informal					0		
Hearings							
Referred							
Informal					9		
Hearings							
Completed							
Informal					9*		
Hearings							
Orders Issued							
Petitions for					0		
Enforcement							
Referrals to BOE							

*This figure represents 2 orders to vacate, 6 orders in which a total of \$5,225.00 in fines was imposed and 1 orders in which no fine was imposed. Board Statistics Page 2

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<u>PIRM</u>

PCC	0
PAC's	0
ANC's	0
500 Exemption	0
Constituent Services	0
Statehood Fund	0
Initiatives	0
Referendum	0
Independent Expenditure	0
Fair Elections Committee	0
Recall	0

<u>RAAD</u>

	PCC	0
	PAC's	0
	Constituent Services	0
	Statehood Fund	0
1.	Notices of Hearings	7
	First Notices	7
	Second Notices	0
2.	Notices and Orders Vacated	2
3.	Hearings Conducted	1
4.	Orders which imposed	6
	Fines	

5. Fines imposed

\$5,225.00

Markus for DC	\$1,350.00
Friends of Robert White	\$2,100.00
Friends of Robert White	\$1,125.00
Campaign to Elect Ed Lawson	\$200.00
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Citizens to Elect Bill Lewis	\$250.00

6. Fines collected

\$300.00

1. \$300.00 Ward 7 Democrats (PAC)

- 7. Investigations completed 0 Orders issued.
- 8. Petitions for Enforcement 0
- 9. Outstanding Fines To be Determined

LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS

December 6, 2023

Complainant: Edward Hanlon

Docket Number: OCF-FI 2023-002

Date Docketed: October 23, 2023

Respondents: Committee to Re-Elect Brooke Pinto 2024

Allegation: Use of Government Resources for Campaign Related Purposes

Status: Pending

Complainant: Edward Hanlon

Docket Number: OCF-FI 2023-003

Date Docketed: November 13, 2023

Respondents: Brooke Pinto for Ward 2, 2020 Principal Campaign Committee

Allegation: Use of Government Resources for Campaign Related Purposes

Status: Pending

INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS

December 6, 2023

NONE

(All Interpretative Opinions are on-line@ www.ocf.dc.gov)

SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

December 6, 2023

NONE