

March 6, 2024

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Community Outreach

OCF held a virtual informal training session on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 to discuss the Agency's Traditional and Fair Elections Programs.

FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the FEP's production stats for February 2024:

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 thirteen (13) certified Participating Candidates in the Fair Elections Program, and the Office of Campaign Finance has authorized the disbursement of the total sum of \$1,582,578.95 from the Fair Elections Fund in Base Amount and Matching Payments.

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

- 1. The Elect Eboni-Rose Thompson 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-Four Dollars (\$10,464.00) were authorized for disbursement on January 29, 2024.
- 2. The Re-Elect Brooke Pinto 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars (\$3,535.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 5, 2024.
- 3. The Veda for Ward 7, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$1,985.00)- were authorized for disbursement on February 5, 2024.
- 4. The Re-Elect Janeese Lewis George, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars (\$4,593.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 5, 2024.
- 5. The Friends of Christina Henderson 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$1,620.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 6, 2024.
- 6. The Wendell for Ward 7 Councilmember Committee, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$2,625.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 6, 2024.
- 7. The Ebony Payne for Ward 7 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$36,425.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 7, 2024.
- 8. The Wendell for Ward 7 Councilmember Committee, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$29,500.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 12, 2024.
- 9. The Friends of Christina Henderson 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 12, 2024.
- 10. Rodney Grant, the Rodney "Red" Grant for City Council, Principal Campaign Committee. The Candidate Rodney Grant was certified on February 15, 2024 to participate in the Fair Elections Program in the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. Matching Payments in the amount of Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents

(\$76,493.35) and the first half of the Base Amount Payment in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) were authorized for disbursement.

- 11. Paul Johnson, the Committee to Elect Paul Johnson 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. The Candidate Paul Johnson was certified on February 16, 2024 to participate in the Fair Elections Program in the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. Matching Payments in the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$28,775.00) and the first half of the Base Amount Payment in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) were authorized for disbursement.
- 12. Lisa Gore, the Friends of Lisa Gore 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. The Candidate Lisa Gore was certified on February 23, 2024 to participate in the Fair Elections Program in the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. Matching Payments in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$34,540.00) and the first half of the Base Amount Payment in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) were authorized for disbursement.
- 13. The Elect Eboni-Rose Thompson 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars (\$36,600.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 23, 2024.
- 14. The Friends of Salim Adofo, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of Twenty-One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$21,230.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 23, 2024.
- 15. The Re-Elect Robert White 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. Matching Payments in the amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$115,485.00) were authorized for disbursement on February 23, 2024.
- 16. Kelvin Brown, the Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 2024, Principal Campaign Committee. The Candidate Kelvin Brown was certified on February 27, 2024 to participate in the Fair Elections Program in the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. Matching Payments in the amount of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$50,275.00) and the first half of the Base Amount Payment in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) were authorized for disbursement.

DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Desk Reviews of Amended Reports of Receipts and Expenditures Forty-Seven (47)	
Requests for Additional Information (RFAI) LettersEighteen (18)	

Candidate/Treasurer Consultations:

Rodney Grant, Rodney "Red" Grant for City Council, February 16, 2024 Paul Johnson, Committee to Elect Paul Johnson 2024, February 16, 2024 Kelvin Brown, Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 2024, February 20, 2024

REMITTED FUNDS

As of February 2024, 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 Ten (10) 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-Four (24) Final Audit Reports of the Post-Election Audits initiated for the 2020 Election Cycle, including the Final Compliance Audit Report issued on February 23, 2024, in the Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 Principal Campaign Committee.

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.
- Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 Partial Audit documentation received June 23, 2021. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022 concerning the remaining requested records. The Hearing was held on January 31, 2024, as to Audit documentation and the matter was continued until February 12, 2024, for the submission of the requested information. The Final Compliance Audit was issued on February 23, 2024.
- Mike for Ward 8 Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 23, 2021. Response submitted on July 14, 2021. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review.
- 4. 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.

5. 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.

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.

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 Nineteen (19) Final Audit Reports for the 2022 Election Cycle.

There were no Preliminary Audit Findings Reports and Final Audit Reports issued during the Month of February 2024.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the PIRMs production stats for the Month of February 2024:

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: 24

Primary = 24

Council, At-Large	-	2
Council, Ward 2	-	
Council, Ward 4	-	
Council, Ward 7	-	4
Council, Ward 8	-	3
U.S. Shadow Rep	-	3
U.S. Shadow Sen	-	9
Republican Nat'l Committeeman	-	2
DC Republican Committee, Ward 7	-	1

General = 0

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-
-
-
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List of Candidates and Registration Dates

Office of Council, At-	Large (Primary Election)
Christian Anderson	1/18/2024
George Jackson	1/25/2024

Office of Council, Ward 2 (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 4 (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 7(Pr	imary Election)
Ebbon Allen	4/24/2023
Roscoe Grant	1/12/2024
Denise Reed	1/22/2024
Dwight Deloatch	1/25/2024
-	
Office of Council, Ward 8(Pr	<u>imary Election)</u>
Rahman Branch	1/23/2023
Armonte Wilson	1/12/2024
Henry Walker	2/28/2024
Office of U.S. Shadow Repre.	sentative (Primary Election)
Oye Owolewa	6/7/2023
Linda Gray	1/31/2024
Ciprian Ivanof	2/23/2024
Office of U.S. Shadow Senate	or (Primary Election)
Brandaun (POTA) Douglass	5/26/2023
Wendy Hamilton	7/28/2023
Andrew Haynesworth	7/31/2023
Ankit Jain	9/27/2023
Yolanda Anderson	11/28/2023
Franklin Garcia	1/19/2024
Eugene Kinlow	1/31/2024
Antoine Kirby	2/9/2024

Robert Brannum

2/9/2024

Republican National Committeeman (Primary Election)Jose' Cunningham1/12/2024Isaac Smith2/3/2024

D.C. Republican Committee, Ward-7 (Primary Election) Michael Bekesha 1/24/2024

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: 22

Primary = **18**

-	2
-	1
-	3
-	8
-	4
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General = 4

Council, At-Large	-	3
Council, Ward 2	-	
Council, Ward 4	-	
Council, Ward 7	-	
Council, Ward 8	-	
SBOE, Ward 2	-	1

List of Candidates and Registration Dates

Office of Council, At-Large (
Robert White	8/1/2023			
Rodney Grant	8/7/2023			
Office of Council, Ward 2 (P)				
Brooke Pinto	6/14/2023			
Office of Council, Ward 4 (Pa	rimary Election)			
Janeese Lewis George	10/4/2023			
Paul Johnson	11/1/2023			
Lisa Gore	12/4/2023			
Office of Council, Ward 7(Pr				
Veda Rasheed	9/14/2023			
Ebony Payne	11/15/2023			
Eboni-Rose Thompson	12/4/2023			
Wendell Felder	12/4/2023			
Kelvin Brown	12/4/2023			
Nate Fleming	12/29/2023			
Tyrell Holcomb	1/8/2024			
Villareal Johnson	1/26/2024			
Office of Council, Ward 8(Pr	iman Flaction			
Salim K. Adofo	<u>11/18/2022</u>			
Markus Batchelor	10/4/2023			
	1/12/2023			
Trayon White				
Kevin Cannaday	1/28/2024			
Office of Council, At-Large (General Election)			
Christina Henderson	10/11/2023			
Patricia Eguino	11/3/2023			
Kevin Rapp	2/13/2024			
Office of Council, Ward 2 (G	<u>eneral Election)</u>			
Office of Council, Ward 4 (General Election)				

Office of Council, Ward 7 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 8 (General Election)

Office of State Board of Education, Ward 2 (General Election)Allister Chang12/11/2023

Committee Registrations

Initiative Committees

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

Vote No on Initiative 83 Neena Murphy Martin, Treasurer

Registration Date: December 12, 2023

Recall Committees

Committee to Recall Charles Allen

April Brown, Treasurer Registration Date: December 13, 2023 **No Recall in Ward 6** Marcella Hilt, Treasurer **Registration Date: February 6, 2024**

Neighbors United for Ward 6 Patrick Johnson, Treasurer Registration Date: February 15, 2024

The Committee to Recall Brianne Nadeau Elliot Howe, Treasurer **Registration Date: February 20, 2024**

Ward 1 Residents for Brianne Kathryn B Tilley, Treasurer Registration Date: February 23, 2024

<u>Candidates & Treasurers who have completed the OCF Entrance Conference for February</u> 2024

- 1. Franklin Garcia/Candidate, U.S. Shadow Senator
- 2. Michael Bekesha /Candidate, D.C. Republican Committee, Ward 7
- 3. Dwight Sinclaire Deloatch Jr./Treasurer, Committee to Elect Dwight Deloatch
- 4. Giuseppe U. Niosi/Treasurer, Jose Cunningham for DCGOP National Committeeman
- 5. Patrick Johnson/Treasurer, Neighbors United for Ward 6
- 6. Timothy Lewis/Treasurer, Committee to Elect Villareal "VJ" Johnson
- 7. Dawn Crawford/Treasurer, Friends of Lisa Gore 2024

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 February 2024:

DESK REVIEWS (83) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Political Action Committees (includes amended reports)	46
Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)	5
US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)	1
Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports)	23
Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates	0
Inaugural Committee	0
Exploratory Committees	0
Independent Expenditures (includes amended reports)	3
Form 16-IE (Single Independent IE)	0
Initiative/Referendum/Recall	5
Twenty-four Hour Reports	0
Attorney General	0
Legal Defense Fund (includes amended reports)	0
Audit Letters (RFAI) Sent	5
Follow-up Letters Sent	0
Case(s) Resolved (includes voluntary amendments)	16
FOIA Request	0
Candidate/Treasurer/Political Committees Consultations	0
Cases Referred to the Office of the General Counsel	0
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

• THE WARD 5 COUNCIL OFFICE CONSTITUENT SERVICE FUND – COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT ISSUED 2/12/24 OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT.

ONGOING AUDITS:

1) Full Field Audits - Newly Elected Officials

The Kenyan McDuffie 2022 Principal Campaign Committee – (Assigned to Ryan Wilburn) – The audit fieldwork is in progress. Additional documents were requested. Documents received and under review. Audit fieldwork is still in progress due to request for additional records on September 21, 2023. Additional documents received 10/26/23. Audit fieldwork continues. *The Preliminary Draft Statement of Findings was issued on November 21, 2023. Meeting held with the Committee on January 4, 2024 to discuss the findings and recommendations noted in the Preliminary Draft Statement of Findings per audit. The Final Audit Report is being drafted.*

2) <u>Full Field Audit – Inaugural Committee</u>

The 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 is complete. The Preliminary Draft Audit Report was issued on February 26, 2023.

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

The Ward 5 Council Office Constituent Service Fund (Assigned to 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. The Preliminary Draft Statement of Findings was issued on January 5, 2024. The Committee response was received on January 29, 2024 and consultation held. The Final Audit Report was issued on February 12, 2024.

The 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

	January	February	March	April	May	June	
Opinion Request		0			•		
Received							
Opinion Request		0					
Completed							
Complaints		0					
Received							
Internal Queries		0					
Preliminary		0					
Investigations							
Initiated							
Preliminary		0					
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Full		0					
Investigations							
Initiated							
Full		1					
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Informal		0					
Hearings							
Referred							
Informal		7					
Hearings							
Completed							
Informal		7*					
Hearings							
Orders Issued							
Petitions for		0					
Enforcement							
Referrals to BOE							

2024 MONTHLY IN-TAKE/OUTPUT REPORT

*This figure represents 1 order to vacate, 2 orders in which a total of \$200.00 in fines was imposed and 4 orders in which no fines were imposed.

Board Statistics for February 2024 Board Meeting March 6, 2024

<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	39
	First Notices	28
	Second Notices	11
2.	Notices and Orders Vacated	1
3.	Hearings Conducted	17
4.	Orders which imposed	2
	Fines	

5. Fines imposed

\$200.00

1. Elaine Alston ANC	\$100.00
2. Latoya Huff ANC	\$100.00

6.	Fines collected		\$0.00.
7.	Investigations completed Orders issued.	1	
8.	Petitions for Enforcement	0	

9. Outstanding Fines To be Determined

LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS

March 6, 2024

1. 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: Order Issued on March 1, 2024

2. Complainant: Edward Hanlon

Docket Number: OCF-FI 2023-004

Date Docketed: December 29, 2023

Respondents: Committee to Re-Elect Brooke Pinto 2024

Allegation: Use of Government Resources for Campaign Related Purposes

Status: Pending

3. Complainant: Edward Hanlon

Docket Number: OCF-FI 2023-005

Date Docketed: December 29, 2023

Respondents: Committee to Re-Elect Brooke Pinto 2024

Allegation: Use of Government Resources for Campaign Related Purposes

Status: Pending

INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS

March 6, 2024

NONE

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

SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

March 6, 2024

NONE