

March 3, 2025

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Community Outreach

In February 2025, the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) participated in several community outreach events across the District, sharing valuable insights about its campaign finance programs with attendees:

- **February 1** OCF joined other District agencies at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood.
- February 4 OCF presented at the ANC (SMD 4A01) meeting, engaging with Commissioners and constituents.
- February 14 OCF participated in an outreach event at Pierce Park in Adams Morgan.
- February 20 OCF attended a community event at the Bernice Fonteneau Wellness Center in Petworth.
- **February 21** OCF engaged with residents at the Kelsey Apartments Center in Columbia Heights.

FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the FEP's production stats for the Month of February 2025:

AUTHORIZED FOR 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 for 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 Twenty (20) certified Participating Candidates in the Fair Elections Program, and the Office of Campaign Finance has authorized the disbursement of the total sum of \$2,830,041.15 from the Fair Elections Fund in Base Amount and Matching Payments.

THERE WERE NO CANDIDATES CERTIFIED IN THE FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM FOR THE 2026 ELECTION CYCLE, AND DISBURSEMENTS MADE DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025 TO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES:

DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Desk Reviews of Amended Reports of Receipts and Expenditures Twenty-Two (22)

Requests for Additional Information (RFAI) Letters Seven (7)

Candidate/Treasurer Consultations:

None

REMITTED FUNDS

As of February 26, 2025, the total sum of **\$872,102.58** has been remitted for deposit in the Fair Elections Fund.

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 Thirty-Four (34) 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.

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.

Post-Election Audits: The November 3, 2020, 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.

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 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-Eight (28) Final Audit Reports for the 2022 Election Cycle, including the following:

No Preliminary Audit Findings Reports and Final Audit Reports issued during the Month of January 2025:

The Office of Campaign Finance issued Twenty (20) Post-Election Audits Letters for June 4, 2024, Primary Election and November 5, 2024, General Election to Candidates who were certified to participate in the 2024 Election Cycle. Audits were initiated on February 3, 2025.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the PIRMs production stats for the Month of February 2025:

FILING OF REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

TRADITIONAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEES *FROM PREVIOUS ELECTIONS* January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	24
Total number of timely filers	18
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	6
Total number of OGC referrals	6
Total number of Electronic Filings	18
Total number of Certified E-Filings	18

Two (2) PCCs filed a Termination Report

TRADITIONAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEES (2024 Candidates) January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	26
Total number of timely filers	23
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	3
Total number of OGC referrals	3
Total number of Electronic Filings	23
Total number of Certified E-Filings	23

Nine (9) PCCs filed a Termination Report

<u>POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES (PACs)</u> January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	44
Total number of timely filers	42
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	1
Total number of extensions granted	1
Total number of FTF	1
Total number of OGC referrals	1

Total number of Electronic Filings	42
Total number of Certified E-Filings	42

Three (3) PACS filed a Termination Report

INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	12
Total number of timely filers	11
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	1
Total number of extensions granted	1
Total number of FTF	0
Total number of OGC referrals	0
Total number of Electronic Filings	11
Total number of Certified E-Filings	11

One (1) IEC filed a Termination Report

FAIR ELECTIONS CANDIDATE COMMITTEES FROM PREVIOUS ELECTIONS January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	10
Total number of timely filers	5
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	1
Total number of extensions granted	1
Total number of FTF	4
Total number of OGC referrals	4
Total number of Electronic Filings	5
Total number of Certified E-Filings	5

One (1) Continuing FEP Committee filed a Termination Report

FAIR ELECTIONS CANDIDATE COMMITTEES (2024 CANDIDATES) January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	18
Total number of timely filers	11
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	3
Total number of extensions granted	3
Total number of FTF	4
Total number of OGC referrals	4
Total number of Electronic Filings	TBD

Total number of Certified E-Filings TBD

Five (5) FEP Committees filed a Termination Report

INITIATIVES/REFERENDUM COMMITTEES

January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	2 (2INT – 0REF)
Total number of timely filers	1
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	1
Total number of OGC referrals	1
Total number of Electronic Filings	1
Total number of Certified E-Filings	1

RECALL COMMITTEES

January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

6
4
0
0
0
2
2
4
4

One (1) Recall Committee filed a Termination Report

NEW CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

2026 Election Cycle (This is a running list for the 2026 Election Cycle of Candidate/Committee Registrations). New Candidate/Committee Registrations for the current month are in bold.

Traditional Program Candidates

Candidate Totals: 6

Mayor _ 2 US Senator _1 Ward 8 Council (Special Election) _3

List of Candidates and Registration Dates

<u>Mayor</u>

Nicholas Dorsey	1/22/2025
James McMorris	2/24/2025

US Senator

Robert Simmons 2/14/2025

Ward 8 Council (Special Election) Candidates:

Khadijah Clark	2/24/2025
Kara Johnson	2/26/2025
Oliver Roy	2/26/2025

Fair Elections Program Candidates

Candidate Totals: 6

Mayor 2 Ward 8 Council (Special Election) 4

List of Candidates and Registration Dates

<u>Mayor</u>

Tracey Lucas	2/1/2025
Gary Robert Goodweather	2/19/2025

Ward 8 Council (Special Election) Candidates:

Salim Adofo	2/19/2025
Sheila Bunn	2/21/2025
Dion Jordan	2/21/2025
Robbie Woodland	2/25/2025

Committee Registrations

Committee Registration Totals: 1

<u>Recall Committees</u> Committee to Recall DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb Sarena Shen, Treasurer Registration Date: January 27, 2025

<u>**REFERRALS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL</u></u>** *Failure to Timely file the January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures***</u>**

Ward 5 Democratic Committee Ms. Allison D. Reese – Treasurer

Jacque4DC 2024 Cassi Zeledon – Treasurer

Patterson for Ward 8 Mr. Jacque Patterson – Treasurer

Friends of Robert White Mr. Robert White- Treasurer

The Committee to Elect Ravi K. Perry for DC SBOE Ms. Kali D. Lindsey – Treasurer

Markus for One Ward 8 Mr. Markus E. Batchelor - Treasurer

Committee to Elect Paul Johnson Mr. Paul Thomas Johnson - Treasurer

Markus for DC Mr. Markus Edward Batchelor - Treasurer

Monica Palacio for City Council Mr. Juan M. Jara - Treasurer

Ward 1 Residents for Brianne Kathryn B Tilley - Treasurer

Vote No On Initiative 83 Malynda Hill-Williams – Treasurer Friends of VJ 4 Ward 7 Mr. Villareal Johnson - Candidate

Denise Reed for Ward 7 Scott Peter Akers Jr – Treasurer

Committee to Elect Jacque Patterson 2016 Mr. Lamont Harrell – Treasurer

Jacque4DC Mr. Derrell Simpson - Treasurer

Campaign to Elect Lawson for Mayor Mr. Melvin Lawson – Treasurer

Patricia Eguino for DC Council Patricia Eguino - Treasurer

Veda for Ward 7 2024 Mr. Derrick Chow-Yuk - Treasurer

Randy Downs for Ward 2 Jesse Jackson - Treasurer

Sriqui for Ward 3 Schools Mr. Michael Sriqui - Treasurer

Committee to Recall Charles Allen Ms. April Brown - Treasurer

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

The following is an accounting of the RAAD's production stats for February 2025:

DESK REVIEWS (99) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Political Action Committees	41
Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)	5
US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)	1
Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports and voluntary filings)	38
Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates	0
Inaugural Committee	0
Exploratory Committees	0
Independent Expenditures (includes amended reports)	10
Form 16-IE (Single Independent IE)	0
Initiative/Referendum/Recall	4
Twenty-four Hour Reports	0
Attorney General	0
Legal Defense Fund (includes amended reports)	0
Audit Letters (RFAI) Sent	22
Follow-up Letters Sent	0
Case(s) Resolved (includes voluntary amendments)	10
FOIA Request	0
Candidate/Treasurer/Political Committees Consultations	2
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

<u>Other Matters Noted</u> New auditors training - audit process Committee Consultations – Khadijah 4 Ward 8 and Ward 7 CSP RAAD Performance Oversight Questions

AUDITS ISSUED

• None

FEP PROGRAM POST ELECTION AUDITS

• **COMMITTEE TO ELECT EBONI-ROSE THOMPSON** – Audit fieldwork is in progress. (Natasha)

TRADITIONAL PROGRAM AUDITS – POST ELECTION AUDITS

- **RE-ELECT TRAYON WHITE 2024** Pre-Audit fieldwork (Ryan)
- JACQUE FOR DC 2024 Pre-Audit fieldwork (DeAndria)
- T. MICHELLE COLSON SBOE WARD 4 Pre-Audit fieldwork (Mark)
- **EBONI-ROSE FOR SBOE WARD 7** Pre-Audit fieldwork (Ardiana)

Audit Notification Letters issued February 3, 2025. The records are due by March 3, 2025.

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	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		0					
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Informal		22					
Hearings							
Referred							
Informal		13					
Hearings							
Completed							
Informal		13*					
Hearings							
Orders Issued							
Petitions for		0					
Enforcement							
Referrals to BOE							

2024 MONTHLY IN-TAKE/OUTPUT REPORT

*This figure represents 4 orders in which no fines were imposed and 9 orders in which a total of \$11,435.00 in fines was imposed.

Board Statistics for February 2025 Board Meeting March 3, 2025

PIRM

PCC	10
PAC's	1
ANC's	0
500 Exemption	0
Constituent Services	0
Statehood Fund	0
Initiatives	1
Referendum	0
Independent Expenditure	0
Fair Elections Committee	8
Recall	2

<u>RAAD</u>

0
0
0
0

1.	Notices of Hearings	25
	First Notices	17
	Second Notices	8
2.	Notices and Orders Vacated	0
3.	Hearings Conducted	14
4.	Orders which imposed	9

fines

Fines imposed

\$11,435.00

Committee to elect Darryl Moch	\$50.00
Markus Bachelor	\$100.00
Sriqui for Ward 3 Schools	\$360.00
Paul Trantham	\$50.00
Friends of VJ4 Ward 4	\$3,650.00
Friends of VJ4 Ward 4	\$2,700.00
Our Friend Brandon Douglass	\$250.00
Randy Downs for Ward 2	\$2,700.00
DC Black Democratic Caucus	\$1,575.00

- 5. Fines collected 0
- 7. Investigations completed 0

8. Petitions for Enforcement 0

9. Outstanding Fines To be Determined

LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS IN FEBRUARY 2025

MARCH 3, 2025

NONE

INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS IN FEBRUARY 2025

MARCH 3, 2025

NONE

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

SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS IN FEBRUARY 2025

MARCH 3, 2025

NONE