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November 8, 2023

#### OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

#### **Community Outreach**

Information on the Agency's Traditional and Fair Elections Programs was presented at a Branch of the District of Columbia Public Library during the Month of October 2023. The Library Branch visited is listed below:

• Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Library – October 18<sup>th</sup>

#### FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the FEP's production stats for October 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 two (2) 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 OCTOBER 2023 TO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES:

There were no new Candidates certified to participate in the Fair Elections Program or disbursements authorized during the Month of October 2023.

#### **DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Desk	Reviews	of	Amended	Reports	of	Receipts	and	Expenditures
							]	Nineteen (19)
Reques	ts for Additio	nal Inf	formation (RF)	AI) Letters				.Eleven (11)

#### **Candidate/Treasurer Consultations:**

Markus for One Ward 8

Committee to Re-Elect Janeese Lewis George

Veda for Ward 7 2024

Rodney "Red" Grant for City Council

#### REMITTED FUNDS

As of October 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.

- 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.
- 3. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 4. 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, 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. Franklin for DC 2020 Audit documentation received on May 7, 2021. Audit in progress.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Committee to Elect Jeanne' Lewis for City Council Audit documentation received on August 15, 2021. Audit in progress.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Will Merrifield for DC Audit documents received on June 6, 2021. Audit in progress.

6. 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 Nineteen (19) Preliminary Statements of Audit Findings and Twelve (12) Final Audit Reports for the 2022 Election Cycle, including the following:

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

Nina Oneil For DC - Final Audit Report issued on October 12, 2023.

Together with Wiley - Final Audit Report issued on October 12, 2023

Elect Ms. Carisa Stanley Beatty for D.C. State Board of Education Ward 5 - Preliminary Audit Findings issued on October 13, 2023

Elect Mr. Ben Michael Williams for D.C. State Board of Education Ward 1 - Preliminary Audit Findings issued on October 27, 2023

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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

# FILING OF REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

# **CONSTITUENT SERVICE PROGRAMS**

# October 1st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

(Due Monday, October 2, 2023)

Total number of required filers	7
Total number of timely filers	7
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	0
Total number of OGC referrals	0
Total number of Electronic Filings	7
Total number of Certified E-Filings	7

#### SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE STATEHOOD FUNDS

# **October 1st Report of Receipts & Expenditures**

(Due Monday, October 2, 2023)

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

# **Political Action Committees (PACs)**

# October 10th Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	44
Total number of timely filers	40
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0

Total number of FTF	4
Total number of OGC referrals	4
Total number of Electronic Filings	40
Total number of Certified E-Filings	40

# **INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES**

# October 10th Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	8
Total number of timely filers	8
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	0
Total number of OGC referrals	0
Total number of Electronic Filings	8
Total number of Certified E-Filings	8

# FAIR ELECTIONS CANDIDATE COMMITTEES October 10th Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	7
Total number of timely filers	7
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	0
Total number of OGC referrals	0
Total number of Electronic Filings	7
Total number of Certified E-Filings	7

# **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: 7	
Primary = 7	
Council, At- Large	_

Council, Ward 2 Council, Ward 4 Council, Ward 7 Council, Ward 8 U.S. Shadow Rep U.S. Shadow Sen	- -1 -1 -1 -1 -4					
General = _0_						
Council, At- Large Council, Ward 2 Council, Ward 4 Council, Ward 7 Council, Ward 8 U.S. Shadow Rep						
List of Candidates a	and Registration Dates					
Office of Council, At	-Large (Primary Election)					
Office of Council, We	ard 2 (Primary Election)					
Office of Council, W	ard 4 (Primary Election)					
Office of Council, We Ebbon Allen	ard 7(Primary Election) 4/24/2023					
Office of Council, Wo	ard 8(Primary Election) 1/23/2023					
Office of U.S. Shador Oye Owolewa	w Representative (Primary Election) 6/7/2023					
Office of U.S. Shadon Brandaun (POTA) D Wendy Hamilton Andrew Hayneswort Ankit Jain	7/28/2023					
Office of Council, At-Large (General Election)						
Office of Council, Wo	ard 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:

Primary = 8

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

General = 1

Council, At- Large
Council, Ward 2
Council, Ward 4
Council, Ward 7
Council, Ward 8

# **List of Candidates and Registration Dates**

Office of Council, At-Large (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 Pinto 6/14/2023

Office of Council, Ward 4 (Primary Election)

Janeese Lewis George 10/4/2023

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

Office of Council, Ward 8(Primary Election)

 Salim K. Adofo
 11/18/2022

 Markus Batchelor
 10/4/2023

Office of Council, At-Large (General Election)

Christina Henderson 10/11/2023

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**

1. Make All Votes Count DC (Initiative Committee)

Philip E. Pannell, Treasurer Registration Date: May 17, 2023

# REFERRALS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Failure to Timely file the October 10<sup>th</sup> Report of Receipts & Expenditures

D.C. Statehood Green Party Fire Fighters Comm. on Political Activities

Dean Murville, Treasurer William J. Baltimore III, Treasurer

Citizens for a Safer DC
Pernetha Smith, Treasurer
Ward 5 Democratic Committee
Shirley Rivens Smith, Treasurer

# Candidates & Treasurers who have completed the OCF Entrance Conference for October 2023

- 1. Kevin Rapp/Candidate, Council At-Large
- 2. Janet A. Hailes/Treasurer, Committee to Re-Elect Janeese Lewis George
- 3. Kevin Rapp/Treasurer, Kevin Rapp for Council At-Large
- 4. Johnathan D. Hill/Treasurer, Markus for One Ward 8

# 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 October 2023:

# **DESK REVIEWS (64) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Political Action Committees (includes amended reports) 4	Z
Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)	9
US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)	3
Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports)	2
	0
Inaugural Committee	0
Exploratory Committees	0
Independent Expenditures (includes amended reports)	8
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	8
Follow-up Letters Sent	0
Case(s) Resolved (includes voluntary amendments)	1
FOIA Request	0
Candidate/Treasurer/Political Committees Consultations(DC Latino PAC)	1
Cases Referred to the Office of the General Counsel	1
Cases Referred for Contributions with Same Address and Similar Signatures	0
Cases Terminated	3
Hearings Attended	0
Early Voting Site Visits	0
Precinct Visits	0
Virtual Webinars Attended	0
Outside Seminars Attended	0
Entrance Conferences	0

# **AUDITS ISSUED**

- DC LATINO CAUCUS PAC 10/31/23 (COMPLIANCE AUDIT/JULY 31, 2023, REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES)
- DC YOUNG DEMOCRATS 10/31/23 (COMPLIANCE AUDIT/JULY 31, 2023, REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES)

# **ONGOING AUDITS:**

# 1) Full Field Audits Newly Elected Officials

- Kenyan McDuffie 2022 – Jessica Reed and Jaylen Byrdsong – 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.

### 2) July 31, 2023, Political Action Committees

(The Audit Notification Letters were issued on August 18, 2023. Records due on September 5, 2023)

- DC Latino Caucus PAC The Audit fieldwork is complete (Mark Wales) The Preliminary Draft Statement of Findings was issued on September 27, 2023. The Audit Report was issued on October 31, 2023.
- DC Young Democrats The Audit fieldwork is complete. (DeAndria Savage) The Preliminary Draft statement of Findings was issued on October 4, 2023. The Audit Report was issued on October 31, 2023.
- Citizens for Empowerment Committee bank account was closed September 9, 2013. Letter from bank provided.
- 3) DC Proud Inaugural Committee (Ryan Wilburn/Jaylen Byrdsong) 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.

# 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				1			
Preliminary				0			
Investigations							
Initiated							
Preliminary				0			
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Full				1			
Investigations							
Initiated							
Full				0			
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Informal				4			
Hearings							
Referred							
Informal				21			
Hearings							
Completed							
Informal				10*			
Hearings							
Orders Issued							
Petitions for				8			
Enforcement							
Referrals to BOE							

<sup>\*</sup>This figure represents 2 orders to vacate and 3 orders in which in which a total of \$950.00 in fines was imposed and 5 orders in which no fines were imposed.

# Board Statistics for October, 2023 Board Meeting November 8, 2023

	<u>PIRM</u>			
	PCC	0		
	PAC's	4		
	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		
	RAAD			
	PCC	0		
	PAC's	0		
	Constituent Services	0		
	Statehood Fund	0		
1.	Notices of Hearings	43		
	First Notices	37		
	Second Notices	6		
2.	Notices and Orders Vacated	2		
3.	Hearings Conducted	21		
	Orders which imposed	3		
	fines			
5.	Fines imposed			\$950.00
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	Thaddeus Jam			\$50.00
	Friends of Bes			\$850.00
	Robin McKin	ney ANC		\$50.00
6.	Fines collected		\$600.00	
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				cKinney ANC
			2. \$50.00 Th	naddeus James ANC

3. \$500.00 Zachary Parker

- 7. Investigations completed 0 Orders issued.
- 8. Petitions for Enforcement

1.	James for Ward 2 SBOE	\$4,000.00
2.	Urban Red PAC	\$1,800.00
3.	Markus for DC	\$750.00
4.	Kishan for DC 2020 (Primary)	\$1,500.00
5.	Citizens for Bill Lewis 2020	\$2,450.00
6.	Vote Fria Moore 2020	\$1,000.00
7.	Ed Lazare for DC Council At-Large	\$750.00
8.	John Fanning Ward 2 Special Election	\$2,050.00

9. Outstanding Fines To be Determined

# LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS

November 8, 2023

Complainant: Edward Hanlon

Date Docketed: October 23, 2023

Respondents: Committee to Re-Elect Brooke Pinto 2024

Allegation: Use of Government Resources for Campaign Related Purposes

Status: Pending

# **INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS**

November 8, 2023

# **NONE**

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

# SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

November 8, 2023

**NONE**