

October 4, 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 September 2023. The Library Branch visited is listed below:

• Woodbridge Neighborhood Library – September 20<sup>th</sup>

#### FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the FEP's production stats for the Month of September 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 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES:

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

#### DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Desk	Reviews	of	Amended	Reports	of	Receipts	and	Expenditures
				•••••			7	Thirty-Nine(39)
Requests	s for Addition	al Info	ormation (RFA	I) Letters			T	wenty-One (21)

# **Candidate/Treasurer Consultations:**

There were no Candidate/Treasurer consultations.

#### **REMITTED FUNDS**

As of September 27, 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 Seventeen (17) Preliminary Statements of Audit Findings and Ten (10) Final Audit Reports for the 2022 Election Cycle, including:

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

DC for Sharece Crawford 2022 Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on September 12, 2023.

Friends of Faith for Ward 5 Final Audit Report issued on September 19, 2023

Ben for Ward 3 Final Audit issued on September 19, 2023

Mathew Frumin 2022 Final Audit Report issued on September 25, 2023

Cheh 2022 for Ward 3 Final Audit Report issued on September 25, 2023

Niosi 2022 Final Audit Report issued on September 25, 2023

# PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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

# FILING OF REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

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

The D.C. Proud 2023 Inaugural Committee filed its Termination Report of Receipts & Expenditures on Friday, September 8, 2023

# **<u>NEW CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES</u>**

2024 Election Cycle (This is a running list for the 2024 Election Cycle of Candidate/Committee Registrations). New Candidate/Committee Registrations for the Month of September 2023 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 and Registration Dates

<u>Office of Council, At-Large (</u>	Primary Election)
Office of Council, Ward 2 (P.	rimary Election)
Office of Council, Ward 4 (P.	rimary Election)
<u>Office of Council, Ward 7(Pr</u> Ebbon Allen	
<u>Office of Council, Ward 8(Pr</u> Rahman Branch	<u>imary Election)</u> 1/23/2023
<u>Office of U.S. Shadow Repres</u> Oye Owolewa	sentative (Primary Election) 6/7/2023
<i>Office of U.S. Shadow Senate</i> Brandaun (POTA) Douglass	•
× , E	7/28/2023
Andrew Haynesworth	
Ankit Jain	9/27/2023

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: 5

Primary = 5

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

General =  $_0$ 

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

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

Office of Council, Ward 4 (Primary Election)

# Office of Council, Ward 7(Primary Election)Veda Rasheed9/14/2023

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

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)

### **Committee Registrations**

There were no new Committee Registrations during the Month of September 2023.

#### **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>September 2023</u>

- 1. Robert White/Candidate, Council At-Large
- 2. Luz Martinez Munoz/Treasurer, Re-Elect Robert White 2024
- 3. Rodney "Red" Grant/Candidate, Council At-Large
- 4. Cine D. Ivey/Treasurer, Rodney "Red" Grant for City Council

#### **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 September 2023:

#### **DESK REVIEWS (10) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Political Action Committees (includes amended reports) 1
Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)
US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)
Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports)
Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates
Inaugural Committee 1
Exploratory Committees
Independent Expenditures (includes amended reports)
Form 16-IE (Single Independent IE)  0
Initiative/Referendum/Recall
Twenty-four Hour Reports 0
Attorney General
Legal Defense Fund (includes amended reports) 0
Audit Letters (RFAI) Sent 1
Follow-up Letters Sent
Case(s) Resolved (includes voluntary amendments)
FOIA Request
Candidate/Treasurer/Political Committees Consultations (McDuffie 2022) 1
Cases Referred to the Office of the General Counsel
Cases Referred for Contributions with Same Address and Similar Signatures
Cases Terminated 3
Hearings Attended
Early Voting Site Visits
Precinct Visits
Virtual Webinars Attended
Outside Seminars Attended
Entrance Conferences

#### AUDITS ISSUED

• NONE

#### **ON GOING 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.

#### 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.
- DC Young Democrats The Audit fieldwork is complete. (DeAndria Savage/Jessica Reed)
- Citizens for Empowerment Committee bank account was closed September 9, 2013. Letter from bank provided.
- 3) DC Proud Inaugural Committee (The audit pre-work has begun). The Audit Notification Letter was issued on September 9, 2023. (Ryan Wilburn/Jaylen Byrdsong)

# **OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

	July	August	September	October	November	December	
<b>Opinion Request</b>			0				
Received							
<b>Opinion Request</b>			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			1				
Hearings							
Referred							
Informal			7				
Hearings							
Completed							
Informal			7*				
Hearings							
Orders Issued							
Petitions for			0				
Enforcement							
Referrals to BOE							

#### 2023 MONTHLY IN-TAKE/OUTPUT REPORT

\*This figure represents 4 orders to vacate and 3 orders in which in which a total of \$6,050.00 in fines was imposed.

Board Statistics for September 2023 Board Meeting October 4, 2023

#### PIRM

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	1
Recall	0

#### **RAAD**

	PCC	0
	PAC's	0
	Constituent Services	0
	Statehood Fund	0
1.	Notices of Hearings	41
	First Notices	34
	Second Notices	7
2.	Notices and Orders Vacated	4
3.	Hearings Conducted	7
4.	Orders which imposed	3
	fines	

# 5. Fines imposed

\$6,050.00

Markus for DC	\$2,750.00
Randy Downs for Ward 2	\$550.00
Monica Palacio for City Council	\$2,750.00

6. Fines collected \$2,425.00

Committee to Elect Karim Marshall	\$1,050.00
Committee to Elect Ravi K. Perry	\$500.00
Rodney Grant for Mayor	\$825.00
Dascha Cleckley ANC	\$50.00

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

#### LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS

October 4, 2023

# NONE

#### **INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS**

October 4, 2023

### NONE

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

# SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

October 4, 2023

NONE