

The Notice explained that the Respondent had to file the ANC Financial Summary Statement by July 11, 2025, and attend the hearing on July 17, 2025, to show cause why Respondent should not be fined for failing to file the ANC Financial Summary Statement by the deadline. Respondent failed to comply with the request.

Findings of Fact

Having reviewed the allegations and the record herein, I find:

1. The Respondent was an ANC Candidate for ANC 5D07.
2. Initial Notices of Non-Compliance were emailed to the Respondent on March 6, 2025, March 19, 2025, and April 9, 2025, extending the deadline to April 18, 2025.
3. Respondent failed to comply.
4. By a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Violations dated July 3, 2025, OGC ordered the Respondent to file the ANC Financial Summary Statement by July 11, 2025, and appear for a virtual hearing on July 17, 2025 to show cause, why Respondent had not timely filed the ANC Financial Summary Statement and should not be fined accordingly.
5. Respondent failed to comply.
6. Respondent filed the ANC Financial Summary Statement on July 15, 2025, fifty-nine (59) days after the final deadline.
7. Respondent failed to appear at the virtual on July 17, 2025, to show cause, why Respondent had not timely filed the ANC Financial Summary Statement and should not be fined accordingly.
8. Respondent has no other referrals to the Office of the General Counsel.

Conclusions of Law

Based on the record provided by OCF, I therefore conclude:

1. Respondent violated 3 D.C.M.R. §§ 3002.6 and 3002.7 (July 2019).
2. 3 DCMR §§ 3711.2(s), 3711.5, and 3711.6, established a fifty-dollar (\$50) fine per day, not including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for non-compliance up to a maximum of \$4000.
3. The Director may ministerially impose fines upon the candidate, Treasurer/Candidate, committee, or designated agent pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.1.
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.8, the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine.
5. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the ANC Financial Summary Statement by the extended filing date of April 18, 2025, but failed to comply.

6. Respondent filed the ANC Financial Summary Statement fifty-nine (59) days after the final deadline, and can be fined up to \$ 2,950 in this matter.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, I HEREBY RECOMMEND that the Director suspend fine to \$ 2,950 against Ramona Service, ANC Candidate, in this matter.

July 31, 2025

Date

/s/ Nereida Gonzalez

Nereida Gonzalez
Attorney Advisor

Concurrence

In view of the foregoing, I hereby **CONCUR** with the Recommendation.

July 31, 2025

Date

/s/ William O. SanFord

William O. SanFord
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the fine of \$ 2,950 against Ramona Service, ANC Candidate, shall be suspended in this matter.

July 31, 2025

Date

/s/ Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a true copy of the **ORDER** has been served to Ramona Service, Candidate ANC 5D07 via certified mail at 808 Bladensburg Rd. NE – Apt. 507, Washington, D.C. 20002, and electronic mail at RamonaService6@gmail.com on this 1st day of August, 2025.

/s/ Nereida Gonzalez

Nereida Gonzalez

Notice

Any party adversely affected by an Order of the Director may: (1) file a Motion for Reconsideration (Motion) with the OCF within five (5) days after receipt of an Order, provided that, relevant evidence was omitted from consideration at the hearing (3 DCMR § 3709.13); or (2) obtain review of the Order by filing a request for a hearing *de novo* with the Board of Elections within fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of an Order. Any fine imposed by the Director, pursuant to § 3711.2 shall become effective on the sixteenth (16th) day following the issuance of a decision or Order; provided that, the Respondent does not request a hearing *de novo* with the Board of Elections. Fines imposed shall be paid within ten (10) days of the effective date of the issued Order of the Director. Make payment by check or money order, payable to: District of Columbia Treasurer/Candidate. Send payment to the *Office of Campaign Finance, 1015 Half Street S.E., Suite 775, Washington, DC 20003*.