

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
1015 HALF STREET, S.E., SUITE 775  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

Ward 5 Council Office, CSF  
Allison DeFoe Reese, Treasurer  
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) Date: June 9, 2025  
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) Docket No: 2025 CSP-001  
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**ORDER**

**Statement of the Case**

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”) Office of the General Counsel following a determination by its Public Information and Records Management Division that: **Allison DeFoe Reese, Treasurer** of the Ward 5 Council Office, Constituent Service Fund Committee (“committee”), failed to timely file the January 1<sup>st</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on January 1, 2025, in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, District of Columbia Official Code § 1-1163.09 and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR § 3017.4.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated April 11, 2025, the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) ordered Allison DeFoe Reese, Treasurer (“Respondent”) to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on April 29, 2025, and show cause why the Respondent should not be found in violation of the D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09 and 3 DCMR § 3017.4 and fined accordingly.

**Summary of Evidence**

On April 11, 2025, OGC issued notice to the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on April 29, 2025. In the notice, OGC offered the Respondent the opportunity to submit a written Statement of Explanation (“Statement”) in lieu of appearing at the scheduled hearing on April 29, 2025, that explained the reason(s) for the untimely filing of the January 1st Report.

The Respondent provided a credible explanation for the untimely filing of the report instead of appearing at the scheduled hearing on April 29, 2025. The Respondent explained that the report filing was inadvertently missed due to Holiday activities and family priorities. The Respondent further explained that the January 1<sup>st</sup> Report was filed on February 2, 2025. Accordingly, the Respondent and the committee are now compliant with the filing requirements and do not have a significant history of other delinquent filings.

**Findings of Fact**

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

1. Allison DeFoe Reese is the Treasurer of the Ward 5 Council Office Constituent Service Fund Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the January 1<sup>st</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures by January 1, 2025, but failed to comply.
3. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated April 11, 2025, the OGC ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on April 29, 2025, to answer the alleged filing violation.
4. In lieu of appearing at the scheduled hearing on April 29, 2025, the Respondent opted to provide a Statement of Explanation to explain the untimely filing of the January 1<sup>st</sup> Report.
5. The Respondent explained that the January 1<sup>st</sup> filing deadline was inadvertently missed due to Holiday activities and family priorities.
6. The January 1<sup>st</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures was filed on February 2, 2025.
7. Thus, the Respondent and the committee are now compliant with the reporting and disclosure requirements of the January 1<sup>st</sup> Report filing and do not have a significant history of other delinquent report filings.

**Conclusions of Law**

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

1. The Respondent violated D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09 (a)(1)(b) and 3 DCMR § 3017.4.
2. 3 DCMR § 3711.2(f) established a fifty-dollar (\$50) fine, per day, for failure to timely file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures.
3. 3 DCMR § 3711.1 maintains that a fine shall attach for each day of noncompliance; up to a maximum of **\$1,050.00**, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.35(a)(3).
4. The Director may ministerially impose fines upon the candidate, treasurer, committee, or designated agent, pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.1.
5. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.8, the Director of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine.

6. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the January 1<sup>st</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures on January 1, 2025, but failed to comply.
7. The Respondent provided a credible explanation for the untimely filing of the January 1<sup>st</sup> Report.
8. The January 1<sup>st</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures was filed on February 2, 2025.
9. To date, the Respondent and the committee remain compliant with the reporting and disclosure requirements under the Campaign Finance Laws.

**Recommendation**

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, **I HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Director **SUSPEND** the imposition of any fine against Allison DeFoe Reese, Treasurer and Ward 5 Council Office, CSF Committee in this matter.

June 9, 2025

**Date**

*/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete*

**Kalvanetta K. Peete**  
**Hearing Officer**

**Concurrence**

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

June 9, 2025

**Date**

*/s/ William O. Sanford*

**William O. Sanford**  
**General Counsel**

**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the imposition of a fine is hereby **SUSPENDED** against Allison DeFoe Reese, Treasurer and Ward 5 Council Office, CSF Committee in this matter.

June 9, 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 on Allison DeFoe Reese, Treasurer, via electronic mail at: areese@anr-cm.com on this   9th   day of June 2025.

*/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete*

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Kalvanetta K. Peete

**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 (16<sup>th</sup>) 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*. Send payment to the *Office of Campaign Finance, 1015 Half Street S.E., Suite 775, Washington, DC 20003*.