

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
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IN THE MATTER OF

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ABC of Metro Washington, DC PAC
Henry Gilford, Treasurer
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Via Email: hgilford@gilfordcorp.com
TO: Henry Gilford, Treasurer

DOCKET NO.: 2021 R-005
DATE: November 15, 2021

ORDER TO VACATE HEARING NOTICE

Statement of the Case

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”) Office of the General Counsel following a determination by the Reports, Analysis & Audit Division (RAAD) that Henry Gilford, (**Respondent**) Treasurer of the political action committee, ABC of Metro Washington PAC (“Committee”), failed to properly respond to a request for additional information (RFAI) following a desk review of the Report of Receipts and Expenditures which was filed for July 31, 2021. A request notice was sent to the Committee on August 10, 2021 in accord with **D.C. Official Code Section 1-1163.09**.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated September 23, 2021 and October 7, 2021 respectively OCF ordered Respondent to appear at scheduled teleconference hearings on October 6, 2021 and October 20, 2021 to show cause why the committee should not be found in violation of the D.C. Official Code § **1-1163.09 (a)**.

On or about October 13, 2021, the Audit Supervisor requested that the Office of General postpone the rescheduled hearing until October 28, 2021. The Respondent was given additional time to provide the requested documents.

On or about October 28, 2021 the Audit Supervisor requested a withdrawal of the hearing on the bases that Respondent provided the Audit division with the proper documents (i. e. cancelled checks, credit card merchant information and Form 32 (Affirmation Statement for Business Contributors) to support the entries made in the July 31, 2021 R&E Report in compliance with D.C. Official Code 1-1163.13(b)(1) and 1-1163.33. Specifically, the additional information supported the entries that the monies received were contributions from businesses that are members of the PAC, and not expenditures.

WHEREFORE, the RAAD supervisor requested a withdrawal of the referral made to the OGC. The Hearing Notice in this matter is vacated.

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/s/ Leonard Muhammad
Attorney-Advisor

/s/ William O. SanFord
General Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Order to Vacate Hearing Notice was sent to Henry Gilford, treasurer at: hgilford@gilfordcorp.com this 19th day of November 2021.

/s/ Leonard Muhammad