

Respondent Victor Horton, Treasurer, attended the virtual hearing and testified on behalf of the Committee. OGC Attorney Advisor, Belinda Kittles Perry, and Laura McQueen, who was a witness for PRIM, attended the hearing. The following is a record of the testimony from April 1, 2026, hearing:

Testimony of Respondents

1. Respondent Victor Horton, Treasurer, testified that he did not file January 31, 2026, Report in a timely fashion due to technical difficulties on his part after he attempted to enter the system in December of 2025 and was unable to enter the data for the reporting period.
2. Mr. Horton further testified that he promptly filed the report, upon receipt of the notice from OGC.
3. Respondent Victor Horton expressed remorse and took full responsibility for the delinquent filing and requested leniency stating that the Committee would suffer financial hardship if a fine were imposed.
4. Respondent Victor Horton did not attend the OCF Entrance Conference.

Findings of Fact

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

1. Respondent, Victor Horton, is the Treasurer, and Wendell Felder is the Chairperson of the Ward Seven Democrats, a Political Action Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, Respondents were required to file the January 31, 2026, Report by the extended filing date, February 13, 2026. January 31, 2026, Report was filed promptly on March 16, 2026, twenty-one (21) days late, upon the Committee's receipt of the Notice from OCF. Respondents are now compliant with the filing requirements.
3. Respondent Treasurer did not attend the OCF Mandatory Entrance Conference

Conclusions of Law

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

1. Respondents violated D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09) (a) and (b) and 3 DCMR § 3017.2 (a).
2. 3 DCMR § 3711.2(f) established a Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar fine, per day, for failure to timely file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures.
3. 3 DCMR § 3711.1(b) maintains that a fine shall attach for each day of noncompliance; up to a maximum of One Thousand and Fifty (\$1,050.00) Dollars, in this matter, which is equal to twenty-one (21) days of noncompliance.
4. The Director of Campaign Finance (“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 may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine.
6. At all times pertinent, Respondents were required to file the January 31, 2026, Report by the extended filing date of February 13, 2026. January 31, 2026, Report was filed on March 17, 2026.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing information included in the record, I HEREBY RECOMMEND that the Director impose a fine in the amount of One Thousand and Fifty (\$1,050.00) Dollars against Ward Seven Democrats, a Political Action Committee, in this matter and for good cause shown, the fine in the amount of One Thousand and Fifty (\$1,050.00) Dollars, shall be suspended.

April 7, 2026

/s/ Belinda Kittles Perry

Date

Belinda Kittles Perry, Attorney Advisor

Concurrence

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

April 7, 2026

/s/ William O. Sanford

Date

William O. SanFord, General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that, a fine, in the amount of One Thousand and Fifty (\$1,050.00) Dollars, in this matter SHALL BE imposed against the Ward Seven Democrats, a Political Action Committee. And it is

FURTHER ORDERED that, for good cause shown the fine in the amount of One Thousand and Fifty (\$1,050.00) Dollars imposed against the Ward Seven Democrats, a Political Action Committee, shall be suspended.

April 7, 2026
Date

/s/ Cecily E. Collier Montgomery
Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order on, Victor Horton, Treasurer and Wendell Felder, Chairperson, of Ward Seven Democrats by certified mail at, 5123 A Street, SE, Washington, DC 20019 and 6503 Anacostia Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019 and by email at: victor.horton@gmail.com and Wendell.felder@gmail.com, on April 7th, 2026.

/s/ Belinda Kittles Perry

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*. Send payment to the *Office of Campaign Finance, 1015 Half Street S.E., Suite 775, Washington, DC 2003*.

