



**IN THE MATTER OF: Friends of VJ 4 Ward 7**

**Docket No: 2024-C-044**

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**Summary of Evidence**

Respondents failed to timely file the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Report of Receipts and Expenditures (December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Report) that was due December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Respondents were referred to OGC for enforcement. On February 21, 2025, OGC issued a Notice to Respondents, scheduling a virtual hearing on March 7, 2024. Respondent requested a different hearing date of March 13, 2025, but failed to appear. On June 13, 2025, OGC issued a Second Notice to Respondents, scheduling a virtual hearing on June 26, 2025. A hearing was held, Candidate and Khadiyah Mitchell, Communications Staffer, appeared at the hearing for the Committee; Attorney Advisor, Nereida Gonzalez, and Kamille Key and Patrick Walker, representatives for PIRM, attended the hearing, as well.

**Findings of Fact**

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

1. Respondent, Villareal Johnson is the Candidate, and Timothy Lewis is the Treasurer for the Friends of VJ 4 Ward 7, a Principal Campaign Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, Respondents were required to file the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Report, by the filing date, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
3. Candidate did not attend the OCF Mandatory Entrance Conference.
4. Candidate attended hearing, and testified that Timothy Lewis, Treasurer had died in December, 2024, and did not have access to pertinent databases.
5. Candidate testified that records had been acquired and the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Report would be filed with ten (10) days of the hearing.
6. The Committee has not filed the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Report and is not in compliance.

**Conclusions of Law**

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

1. At all times pertinent, Respondents were required to file the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Report by the extended filing date, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
2. Respondents violated D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(a) and (b) and 3 DCMR § 3017.2.

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3. 3 DCMR § 3711.1 dictates that the Director of Campaign Finance (“Director”) may ministerially impose fines upon the candidate, treasurer, committee, or designated agent.
4. 3 DCMR § 3711.4(l) established a Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar fine, per day, for failure to timely file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures.
5. 3 DCMR § 3711.8, the Director may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine, for good cause.
6. The Director may impose a civil penalty with the maximum amount of Four-Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for one-hundred and thirty-five (135) days of non-compliance, in this matter.

**Recommendation**

In view of the foregoing information included in the record, and for good cause, I HEREBY RECOMMEND that the Director suspend the fine of \$ 4,000, in this matter.

November 7, 2025

Date

/s/ Nereida Gonzalez

Nereida Gonzalez, Attorney Advisor

**Concurrence**

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

November 7, 2025

Date

/s/ William SanFord

William SanFord, General Counsel

**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the fine of \$ 4,000 be suspended, in this matter..

November 7, 2025

Date

/s/ Cecily E. Collier Montgomery

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery,  
Director

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order was served, via U.S.P.S. on Villareal Johnson, Candidate, at 2934 Nelson Place, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020 and by email to [vjohnson2006@gmail.com](mailto:vjohnson2006@gmail.com).

**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 § 3711.4 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 2003*.