

**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

Long Ward 8 Long Term Solutions
Khadijah Long, Treasurer
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turningcornersllc@yahoo.com

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) Date: April 8, 2025
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) Docket No: 2024 C-040
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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: **Khadijah Long, Treasurer** of the Long Ward 8 Long Term Solutions, principal campaign committee (“committee”), failed to timely file the 8 Day Pre-General Election Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on October 28, 2024, in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, District of Columbia Official Code § 1-1163.09 et. seq. and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR § 3017.2 et. seq.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated January 15, 2025, the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) ordered Khadijah Long, (“Respondent”) to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on January 28, 2025, and show cause why the Respondent should not be found in violation of the D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09 et. seq. and 3 DCMR § 3017.2 et. seq. and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

On January 28, 2024, Khadijah Long (“Respondent”) appeared pro se to answer the alleged filing violation. Laura McQueen, Legal Instruments Examiner, appeared on behalf of the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”). Ms. McQueen testified that the Respondent failed to timely file the 8 Day Pre-General Election Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on October 28, 2024, in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, District of Columbia Official Code § 1-1163.09 et. seq. and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR § 3017.2, et. seq.

The Respondent testified that she believed that the 8 Day Report had been previously filed on time. Respondent further testified that she filed the 8 Day Report for the *Khadijah Long Ward 8 Committee*. The Respondent admitted that she became confused as to which of her committees were required to file the 8 Day Report. Upon clarification by OCF, the Respondent immediately realized that she had not filed the 8 Day Report for the committee at issue herein: *Long Ward 8 Long Term Solutions Committee*. Considering this, OCF offered the Respondent a 3-day grace period to file the delinquent 8 Day Report by Friday, January 31, 2025. The Respondent filed the 8 Day Pre-General Election Report on January 30, 2025. The Respondent and committee are now compliant with the filing and reporting requirements under the Campaign Finance Laws

Findings of Fact

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

1. The Respondent is the Treasurer of the Long Ward 8 Long Term Solutions Principal Campaign Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the 8 Day Pre-General Election Report of Receipts and Expenditures by October 28, 2024.
3. The Respondent failed to file the 8 Day Report on October 28, 2024.
4. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated January 15, 2025, the OGC ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on January 28, 2025, to respond to the alleged violations.
5. The Respondent provided a credible explanation for the untimely filing, in that the Respondent mistakenly believed the 8 Day Report had been filed for the committee herein but the Respondent filed the report for another committee. However, upon notice of the filing error, the Respondent took action to correct the delinquent filing.
6. The Respondent filed the 8 Day Report on January 30, 2025, which had accrued sixty-seven (67) days of delinquency.
7. The Respondent and committee are now complaint with the filing of the 8 Day Pre-General Election Report.

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 § 3017.2.
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 **\$3,350.00**, 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 8 Day Pre-General Election Report of Receipts and Expenditures on October 28, 2024, but failed to comply.
7. The Respondent appeared at the scheduled hearing and provided good cause for the untimely filing of the 8 Day Report.
8. The Respondent mistakenly believed the 8 Day Report had been filed for the committee herein, but the Respondent filed the report for another committee. However, upon notice of the filling error, the Respondent took action to correct the delinquent filing.
9. The Respondent filed the 8 Day Report on January 30, 2025, which had accrued sixty-seven (67) days of delinquency.
10. The Respondent and committee are now complaint with the filing of the 8 Day Pre-General Election Report.

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 Khadijah Long, Treasurer and Long Ward 8 Long Term Solutions Committee in this matter.

April 8, 2025
Date

/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete
Kalvanetta K. Peete
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

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

April 8, 2025
Date

/s/ William O. Sanford
William O. Sanford
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the imposition of any fine is hereby **SUSPENDED** against Khadijah Long, Treasurer and Long Ward 8 Long Term Solutions Committee in this matter.

April 8, 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 Khadijah Long, Treasurer, via electronic mail to: turningcornersllc@yahoo.com on this 8th day of April 2025.

/Kalvanetta K. Peete/

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 (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 20003*.