

**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

Wilson for Council
Armonte Wilson, Treasurer
4320 Halley Terrace, SE Apt. 4
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ward8wilson@yahoo.com

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) Date: February 11, 2026
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) Docket No: 2025 C-010
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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: **Armonte Wilson, Treasurer** of the Wilson for Council, principal campaign committee (“committee”), failed to timely file the June 10th Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on June 10, 2025, 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 September 29, 2025 and October 22, 2025, the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) ordered Armonte Wilson, (“Respondent”) to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on October 14, 2025 and November 4, 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 November 4, 2025, Armonte Wilson (“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 June 10th Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on June 10, 2025, 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 due to unforeseen personal and professional setbacks, there was an unintended delay in filing the required report on time. The Respondent explained other occurrences of misfortune that prohibited his access to the internet and computer. The Respondent stated that he is now in a stable environment with internet and computer access to complete the delinquent filing of the June 10th Report. The Respondent requested and OGC agreed to an extension of time to file the report by November 10, 2025. On November 10, 2025, the Respondent filed a Termination Report that covered the June 10th Report filing.

Findings of Fact

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

1. The Respondent is the candidate and treasurer of the Wilson for Council Principal Campaign Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the June 10th Report of Receipts and Expenditures by June 10, 2025.
3. The Respondent failed to file the June 10th Report of Receipts and Expenditures on or before June 10, 2025.
4. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated October 22, 2025, the OGC ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on November 4, 2025, to respond to the alleged violations.
5. On November 4, 2025, the Respondent appeared at the scheduled hearing and provided a credible explanation for the untimely filing of the June 10th Report.
6. As agreed, the Respondent filed the June 10th Report on November 10, 2025, via a Termination Report.
7. The Respondent and committee are now complaint with the reporting requirements of the Campaign Finance rules.

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 **\$4,000**, 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 June 10th Report of Receipts and Expenditures on June 10, 2025, but failed to comply.
7. The Respondent appeared at the scheduled hearing on November 4, 2025, and provided good cause for the untimely filing of the June 10th Report.
8. The June 10th Report was filed on November 10, 2025, via a Termination Report.
9. The Respondent and committee are now complaint with the filing of the June 10th 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 Armonte Wilson, Treasurer and Wilson for Council Committee in this matter.

February 11, 2026

Date

/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete

Kalvanetta K. Peete
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

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

February 11, 2026

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 Armonte Wilson, Treasurer and Wilson for Council Committee in this matter.

<u>February 11, 2026</u>	<u>/s/ Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery</u>
Date	Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a true copy of the **ORDER** has been served on Armonte Wilson, Treasurer, via e mail to: ward8wilson@yahoo.com on this 11th day of February 2026.

/s/
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*.