



## Office of Campaign Finance

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AUDIT REPORT  
ON  
BRIAN HART FOR DC  
PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

MAY 2015

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REPORTS ANALYSIS AND AUDIT DIVISION  
OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20009

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## I. Background

The Brian Hart for DC Principle Campaign Committee registered with the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) on February 21, 2014, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 1-1163.07(1). The Committee filed the 8 Day Pre-General Election Report of Receipts and Expenditures on October 27, 2014. Amended 8 Day Pre-General Election Reports were filed on December 8, 2014, December 10, 2014, January 11, 2015 and April 21, 2015. The December 10, 2014 Report was filed on December 10, 2014. Amended December 10, 2014 Reports were filed on January 27, 2015 and April 21, 2015.

The periodic field audit of the Committee's reports, statements, and records covered the period October 11, 2014 through December 10, 2014. During the period of the pre-audit (desk review), the report filed by the Committee reflected total aggregate receipts of \$5,011.00 and expenditures of \$75,377.47 with an ending cash balance of \$1,449.10. Total receipts and expenditures per **audit** were \$5,253.47 and \$76,072.94, respectively with an ending cash balance of \$996.10.

The Statement of Findings was issued on March 24, 2015.

## II. Findings and Recommendations

### A. Bank Credit Not Reported

D.C. Official Code Sections 1-1163.09(c)(2) and (7) provide that, "Each report under this section shall disclose: The full name and mailing address, including the occupation and the principal place of business, if any, of each person who has made one or more contributions to or for a committee or candidate, including the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events, within the calendar year in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50 or more, together with the amount and date of the contributions. The total sum of all receipts by or for a committee or candidate during the reporting period."

Our audit revealed that the Committee failed to report a bank credit in the amount of \$242.47, which was a result of the Committee depository mistakenly debiting the Committee account twice for the same expenditure. The Audit staff was able to verify the second bank credit that was not reported through the review of the Committee's bank statements.

In the Statement of Findings issued on March 24, 2015, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee file an **Amended December 10, 2014 Report** inclusive of the aforementioned bank credit totaling \$242.47 that was previously not reported.

On April 21, 2015, the Committee filed an **Amended December 10, 2014 Report** of Receipts and Expenditures inclusive of the aforementioned bank credit that was previously not reported as recommended by the Audit staff in the Statement of Findings.

## B. Expenditures Not Reported

D.C. Official Code Sections 1-1163.09(c)(8) and (9) provide that, "Each report under this section shall disclose: The full name and mailing address (including the occupation and principal place of business, if any) of each person to whom expenditures have been made by a committee or on behalf of a committee or candidate within the calendar year in an aggregate amount or value of \$10 or more, the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure and the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf such expenditure was made. The total sum of expenditures made by such committee or candidate during the calendar year."

Our audit revealed that the Committee failed to report two (2) expenditures totaling \$292.47. The Audit staff was able to verify the aforementioned expenditures that were not reported through the review of the Committee's bank statements.

In the Statement of Findings issued on March 24, 2015, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee file an **Amended 8 Day Pre-General Election 2014 Report** and an **Amended December 10, 2014 Report** inclusive of the aforementioned two (2) expenditures totaling \$292.47, that were previously not reported.

On April 21, 2015, the Committee filed **Amended 8 Day Pre-General Election** and **Amended December 10, 2014 Reports of Receipts and Expenditures** inclusive of the aforementioned two (2) expenditures that were previously not reported as recommended by the Audit staff in the Statement of Findings.

## C. Bank Fee Not Reported

Our audit revealed that the Committee failed to report a bank fee in the amount of \$3.00. The Audit staff was able to verify the \$3.00 bank fee that was not reported through the review of the Committee's bank statements.

In the Statement of Findings issued on March 24, 2015, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee file an **Amended December 10, 2014 Report** inclusive of the aforementioned bank fee in the amount of \$3.00 that was previously not reported.

On April 21, 2015, the Committee filed an **Amended December 10, 2014 Report** of Receipts and Expenditures inclusive of the aforementioned bank fee that was previously not reported as recommended by the Audit staff in the Statement of Findings.

## D. In-Kind Expenditures Not Reported

3 DCMR Section 3008.9 states that, "Each in-kind contribution under 3008.5 and 3008.8 shall be assessed at the current local fair market value at the time of the contribution, and shall be itemized and reported on the appropriate sub-schedules of Schedules A and B."

Our audit revealed that the Committee reported two (2) in-kind contributions on Schedule A, totaling \$400.00; however, the Committee failed to report the two (2) in-kind transactions as expenditures on Schedule B, Itemized Expenditures. The Audit staff was able to verify the (2)

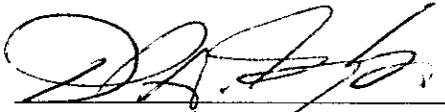
two in-kind transactions that were not reported on Schedule B through the review of the Committee's Report of Receipts and Expenditures.

In the Statement of Findings issued on March 24, 2015, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee file an **Amended December 10, 2014 Report** inclusive of the two (2) in-kind expenditures totaling \$400.00, that were previously not reported on Schedule B.

On April 21, 2015, the Committee filed an **Amended December 10, 2014 Report** of Receipts and Expenditures inclusive of the aforementioned two (2) in-kind expenditures that were previously not reported on Schedule B as recommended by the Audit staff in the Statement of Findings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

We, therefore, recommend that this Report be issued as the "Audit Report." We have determined that the **Amended 8 Day Pre-General Election and Amended December 10, 2014 Reports** filed by the Brian Hart for DC Principal Campaign Committee, with the Director, Office of Campaign Finance, are in substantial compliance with the D.C. Official Code Section 1-1163.09.

  
Dwayne A. Gilliam, Sr.  
Supervisory Auditor

5/6/15  
Date

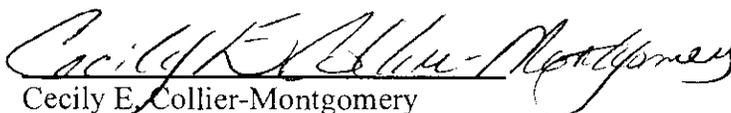
**CONCURRENCE**

In view of the forgoing, I HEREBY CONCUR with the Recommendation.

  
Renee Coleman-Rollins  
Audit Manager

May 7, 2015  
Date

**AUDIT APPROVED FOR RELEASE:**

  
Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery  
Director  
Office of Campaign Finance

May 7, 2015  
Date