

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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IN THE MATTER OF

Paul Orange, Treasurer
Orange for Mayor
1540 Taylor Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20017

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Date: April 25, 2014

Docket No: 14R-015

ORDER

Statement of Case

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”), Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) following a determination by its Reports Analysis and Audit Division (“RAAD”) that pursuant to the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Act of 2011, D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.03(a)(1)(A) (2012) and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations 3 DCMR § 3403.2 (August 2013), that Paul Orange, Treasurer for Orange for Mayor principal campaign committee, failed to respond to RAAD’s Request for Additional Information dated February 11, 2014 by the February 26, 2014 deadline.

In accordance with D.C. Official Code §1-1163.03(a)(1)(H), by Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated March 12, 2014, OCF ordered Paul Orange (“Respondent”) to appear at a scheduled hearing on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 and show cause why he should not be found in violation and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

RAAD’s February 11, 2014 Request for Additional Information was submitted to Respondent’s address by regular mail. The March 12, 2014 Notice of Hearing was submitted to Respondent by regular and electronic mail.

On March 26, 2014, Councilmember Vincent Orange appeared at the scheduled hearing *pro se* on behalf of Respondent. Michael Oliver, RAAD staff auditor, appeared on behalf of OCF. Councilmember Orange testified, having been duly sworn, that he never received RAAD’s February 11, 2014 Request for Additional Information. Councilmember Orange also provided three copies of envelopes issued by OCF that were sent to the Respondent at an erroneous address. Furthermore, Councilmember Orange explained that an individual delivered these envelopes to Respondent’s address subsequent to the hearing date, at which point

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Councilmember Orange was made aware of the address error. At the conclusion of the hearing, Councilmember Orange agreed to satisfy RAAD's request by April 18, 2014.

On April 18, 2014, Councilmember Orange submitted the required information. RAAD determined that the submission was sufficient. Councilmember Orange does not have a history of failing to respond to RAAD's Requests for Additional Information.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information in the record, **I HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Director WITHDRAW the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated March 12, 2014 and DISMISS the charge for violation of D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.03(a)(1)(A) in this matter.

April 25, 2014
Date

Lesley Brown
Lesley Brown
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

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

April 25, 2014
Date

William O. Sanford
William O. Sanford
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated March 12, 2014 is **WITHDRAWN** and the charge for violation of D.C. § 1-1163.03(a)(1)(A) is **DISMISSED** in this matter.

April 25, 2014
Date

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a true copy of the **ORDER** was served on Respondent Paul Orange, Treasurer for Orange for Mayor, by regular mail at 1540 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017 and by electronic mail at paul.orange06@hotmail.com on this 25th day of April 2014.

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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, Frank D. Reeves Municipal Building, 2000 14th Street NW, Suite 433, Washington, DC 20009.*