

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
FRANK D. REEVES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2000-14th STREET, N.W., SUITE 433
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009
(202) 671-0550**

IN THE MATTER OF)	DATE: November 5, 2012
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Yasmin Romero-Castillo, ANC Candidate)	DOCKET NO.: P.I. 2012-121
SMD 1D01)	
3354 Mount Pleasant Street, NW, #9)	
Washington, DC 20010)	

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (hereinafter OCF) Office of the General Counsel pursuant to a complaint filed against Yasmin Romero-Castillo, ANC Candidate, SMD 1D01 (hereinafter respondent). The complaint alleged that the respondent may have violated District of Columbia campaign finance laws by failing to include the words, “paid for by” on campaign literature, followed by the name and address of the payer of such literature as required by D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.15(a)(2001 Edition).

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated November 1, 2012, OCF ordered the respondent to appear at a scheduled hearing on November 2, 2012 to show cause why she should not be found in violation of the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Act of 2011 (the Act), and fined accordingly.

On November 2, 2012, the respondent appeared at the scheduled hearing and admitted that she was responsible for distributing campaign literature which did not contain the required notice concerning the payer of such literature. The respondent testified that she had no knowledge that such a notice was required on campaign literature. Further, the respondent presented labels containing the required payer information, which she proposed placing on the remainder of her campaign postcards and redistributing them to constituents who received the earlier distribution. The Hearing Officer instructed the respondent to immediately affix the labels and to redistribute the updated postcards to constituents by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012. The respondent agreed to do so by the referenced deadline.

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Having reviewed the record herein, I find that the respondent failed to include the required notice on campaign literature pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.15. Accordingly, the respondent is found in violation of D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.15.

WHEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH 3DCMR §3710, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that respondent shall Cease and Desist from distributing campaign literature that does not contain the required notice of payer information, and that she shall redistribute campaign postcards containing the required payer notice no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a fine of \$500 per violation as prescribed by 3DCMR §3711.2(n).

Date

Cecily Collier-Montgomery
Director

This Order may be appealed to the Board of Elections within 15 days from the date of issuance.

SERVICE OF ORDER

This is to certify that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order on Candidate Yasmin Romero-Castillo via email at yasminkiki@yahoo.com and by regular mail on November 5, 2012.

NOTICE

Pursuant to 3DCMR §3711.5 (March 2007), any fine imposed by the Director shall become effective on the 16th day following the issuance of a decision and order, if the respondent does not request an appeal of this matter. If applicable, within 10 days of the effective date of this order, please make a check or money order payable to the D.C. Treasurer, c/o Office of Campaign Finance, Suite 420, 2000-14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.