

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent ran as a candidate for ANC Commissioner of SMD 8E06 in the 2010 General Elections.
2. Respondent was required to file an ANC Summary Financial Statement with OCF on or before April 1, 2011.
3. Respondent filed the required ANC Summary Financial Statement with OCF on September 12, 2011.
4. Respondent is a first-time required filer.
5. Respondent is currently in compliance with applicable regulation(s).

Conclusions of Law

Based upon the record provided by OCF, I therefore conclude:

1. Respondent violated 3DCMR §3002.5.
2. The penalty established at D.C. Official Code §1-1103.05(b)(3), and 3DCMR §3711.2(ee) for failure to timely file an ANC Summary Financial Statement, as required by 3DCMR §3002.5, is a fine of \$30.00 per day for each business day subsequent to the due date.
3. In accordance with D.C. Official Code §1-1103.05(b)(3), the respondent may be fined a maximum of \$2,000.00 for failing to timely file an ANC Summary Financial Statement.
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3DCMR §3711.6, the Director of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss or suspend any fine.
5. Respondent's explanation for failing to timely file, in that she believed that she mailed the required Statement to OCF in February 2011, as well as her status as a first-time candidate for office, constitute good cause for suspension of the fine.

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Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, I hereby recommend that the Director suspend the imposition of the fine in this matter.

Date

_____/s/_____
Jean Scott Diggs
Senior Hearing Officer

Concurrence

In view of the foregoing, I hereby concur with the Recommendation.

Date

_____/s/_____
William O. SanFord
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the fine in this matter be hereby suspended.

Date

_____/s/_____
Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Director

SERVICE OF ORDER

This is to certify that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order on Karlene K. Armstead by regular mail on December 27, 2011.

_____/s/_____

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.