

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
FRANK D. REEVES MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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**IN THE MATTER OF**

Christian Carter, Treasurer  
Carter At-Large 2014  
2509 Branch Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20020

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Date: December 8, 2014

Docket No.: 14C-072

**ORDER**

**Statement of 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 (“PIRM”) that pursuant to the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Act of 2011, D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b) (2012) and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR § 3017.2 (August 2013), Christian Carter, Treasurer for Carter At-Large 2014 principal campaign committee, failed to file the October 10, 2014 Report of Receipts and Expenditures (“October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report”), which was due on October 10, 2014.

By Notices of Hearing, Statements of Violations and Orders of Appearance dated October 23, 2014 and November 13, 2014, OCF ordered Christian Carter (“Respondent”) to appear at scheduled hearings on November 12, 2014 and December 3, 2014 and show cause why Carter At-Large 2014 principal campaign committee should not be found in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011 and 3 DCMR § 3017.2 and fined accordingly.

**Summary of Evidence**

The October 23, 2014 Notice of Hearing was submitted by regular mail. The November 13, 2014 Notice of Hearing was submitted by regular, certified, and electronic mail. Neither Notice of Hearing returned to OCF as undeliverable. On November 19, 2014, OCF received the November 13, 2014 Notice of Hearing certified signed mailed receipt.

On December 3, 2014, Respondent failed to appear for the second scheduled hearing; however, a hearing was held for the record. Ms. Laura McQueen, Legal Instruments Examiner, appeared on behalf of OCF. Respondent failed to file the October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report on October 10, 2014. To date, Respondent has failed to file the October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report and is

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noncompliant with the October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report filing. Additionally, Respondent has a prior history of delinquent filings.

**Findings of Fact**

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

1. Respondent is the Treasurer for Carter At-Large principal campaign committee.
2. Respondent was required to file the October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report by October 10, 2014.
3. Respondent failed to file the October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report on October 10, 2014.
4. By Notices of Hearing, Statements of Violations and Orders of Appearance dated October 23, 2014 and November 13, 2014, OCF, OCF ordered Respondent to attend scheduled hearings on November 12, 2014 and December 3, 2014.
5. The October 23, 2014 Notice of Hearing was submitted by regular mail.
6. The November 13, 2014 Notice of Hearing was submitted by regular, certified, and electronic mail.
7. On November 19, 2014, the certified signed mailed receipt returned to OCF.
8. Neither Notice of Hearing returned to OCF as undeliverable.
9. Respondent failed to attend the December 3, 2014 hearing; however, a hearing was held for the record.
10. To date, Respondent has failed to file the October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report.
11. The October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report is currently thirty-eight (38) days late.
12. Respondent has a prior history of delinquent filings.
13. Respondent is currently in noncompliance with the October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report filing.

**Conclusions of Law**

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

1. Respondent violated D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b) and 3 DCMR § 3017.2.
2. The penalty established by 3 DCMR § 3711.2(f) for failure to file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures with OCF, as required by D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b), is a fine of \$50.00 per day for each business day subsequent to the due date, and pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.35(a)(3), the aggregate set of fines imposed may not exceed \$2,000.
3. The October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report filing is currently thirty-eight days (38) days late.
4. Respondent may be fined a maximum fine of \$1,900.00 for failing to file a R&E report with OCF.
5. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.7, the Director of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss or suspend any fine.
6. Respondent has a prior history of delinquent filings.
7. Respondent is currently in noncompliance with the October 10<sup>th</sup> R&E report filing.

**Recommendation**

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, **I HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Director impose a \$1,900.00 fine in this matter.

December 8, 2014

**Date**

Lesley Brown

**Lesley Brown**  
**Hearing Officer**

**Concurrence**

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

December 8, 2014

**Date**

William O. Sanford

**William O. Sanford**  
**General Counsel**

**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**

IT IS ORDERED that a \$1,900.00 fine is imposed in this matter.

12/8/14  
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 Treasurer Christian Carter, via regular and certified mail at 2509 Branch Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, 20020 and by electronic mail at [chrcarter@hotmail.com](mailto:chrcarter@hotmail.com) on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 (16<sup>th</sup>) 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 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 433, Washington, DC 20009*.