



**DEMOCRATIC PARTY
HAMILTON COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Democratic Political Party
Hamilton County
615 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Executive Committee:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Hamilton County Democratic Party Treasurer, solely to comply with the requirements of Section 3517.17 of the Ohio Revised Code. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed the Ohio Political Party Fund receipts with the State of Ohio and agreed to amounts shown on the Ohio Campaign Finance Report.

We found no exceptions as a result of our procedures.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We compared the sum of the cash balances recorded on the Hamilton County Democratic Party's Ohio Campaign Finance Report with cash balances recorded on the bank reconciliation for the Hamilton County Democratic Party as of December 31, 2000. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliation.

We also agreed reconciling items appearing on that reconciliation to canceled checks, deposit slips, or to other documentation. We determined that the dates on those documents support that those items were proper reconciling items at December 31, 2000.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Cash Disbursements

1. We confirmed the mathematical accuracy of the cash disbursement listing and compared the listing totals to the disbursement totals on the Ohio Campaign Finance Report.
2. We traced selected recorded disbursements to source documentation such as invoices and canceled checks. We also determined that the checks corresponded to the names on the invoices and that the checks were signed by authorized signatories and endorsed by the payee.

3. We vouched selected disbursement transactions for compliance with Section 3517.18 of the Ohio Revised Code.

During our review we found that some expenditures could not be traced directly to an invoice and/or there was no invoice for the expenditure made. In most cases this was due to the payment being made from a statement. The expenditures appeared reasonable and in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.18 based on the vendor's being paid. We recommend that applicable invoices are attached to the statement being paid to properly document what the expenditure is for.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the Ohio Campaign Finance Report which is attached as Exhibit 1. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the specified users listed above and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

April 2, 2001

Exhibit 1

DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY
HAMILTON COUNTY

OHIO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 (UNAUDITED)

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2000		\$ 121
Receipts:		
State Distribution	8,541	
Interest	<u>6</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>8,643</u>
Disbursements:		
Rent	650	
Utilities	1,295	
Supplies	5,027	
Ohio Democratic Party	1,000	
Miscellaneous	<u>665</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>8637</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2000		\$ <u><u>31</u></u>

(See Independent Accountants' Report)



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
APRIL 24, 2001**