



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Democratic Party Executive Committee
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 Democratic Party Executive Committee, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Committee), solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with Sections 3517.17 and 3517.18 of the Ohio Revised Code for the year ended December 31, 2004. Management is responsible for the Committee's compliance with those requirements. We followed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards for agreed-upon procedures engagements. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Executive Committee. 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.

Cash Receipts

We confirmed that the Hamilton County Democratic Party issued three "Claim for Reissuance of Voided Warrant" reports with the State of Ohio in 2005 because the three original warrants issued during 2004 were sent to the wrong address and expired before they were received. Therefore, the Hamilton County Democratic Party had only one cash receipt recorded during 2004. We found no other exceptions.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We compared the sum of the cash balances recorded on the Committee's Political Party Public Funds Report with the cash balance reconciled by the Executive Director for the Hamilton County Democratic Party as of December 31, 2004. The sums agreed.
2. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliation. We found no computational errors.
3. We agreed bank balances on the reconciliation with month end bank statements. The balances agreed.
4. We determined that there were no reconciling items as of December 31, 2004.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed the cash disbursement listing and compared the listing totals to the disbursement totals on the political party fund finance report. The amounts agreed.
2. We selected all disbursement transactions, and traced the payee and amount to source documentation such as invoices and canceled checks. We also compared the payees on the checks to the names on the invoices. The payees and amounts recorded in the cash disbursement journal agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks.

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3. We compared the signature on the check to the list dated December 31, 2004 of authorized signatories the Committee provided to us. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check. The signatory on all checks we selected was an approved signatory.
4. We compared the purpose for the disbursement with the allowable uses described in Section 3517.18 of the Ohio Revised Code.

We found no exceptions.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance of the political party fund finance report which is attached to this report. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

September 13, 2005

**DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**POLITICAL PARTY FUND FINANCE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 (UNAUDITED)**

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2004		<u>\$ 653</u>
Receipts:		
State Distribution		<u>792</u>
Disbursements:		
Copier Lease	292	
Bank Service Charges	129	
Total Disbursements		<u>421</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2004		<u>\$ 1,024</u>

(See Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures)



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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
OCTOBER 4, 2005**