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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Republican Party Executive Committee  
Hamilton County  
700 Walnut Street, Suite 309  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Republican Executive Committee, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Committee) agreed, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with certain requirements included in Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.13(X)(1), 2(b), (3)(a), and (4), 3517.17, and 3517.18, for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Committee is responsible for complying with these requirements. We followed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards for agreed-upon procedures engagements and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the 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

1. We inquired of the Committee whether they deposited all gifts from corporations, labor organizations and all gifts restricted to operations into the same fund into which they deposit amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner. They informed us they did use this fund for all such gifts.
2. We footed each *Statement of Contributions Received*, *Statement of Other Income*, and *Statement of Contributions Received at a Social or Fund-Raising Event* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-A, Deposit Form 31-A2, and Deposit Form 31-E), filed for 2009. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2009 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-A, 31-A2, and 31-E filed for 2009. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Forms.
4. We scanned the Committee's 2009 bank statements and noted they reflected four quarterly payments received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A). The Deposit Forms 31-A and 31-A2 reported the sum of these four payments without exception.
5. We scanned other recorded 2009 receipts for evidence that a corporation or labor organization may have exceeded the \$10,000 annual gift limit Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(3)(a) imposes. We found no evidence that any corporation or labor organization exceeded this limit.

6. Ohio Rev. Code 3517.1012 requires the Party to file Forms 31-CC electronically with the Secretary of State when the Committee receives gifts from corporations or labor organizations. We reviewed the Forms 31-A, 31-A2 and 31-E that the Committee filed. The Committee should have filed the Form 31-CC electronically for their annual report because they received corporate gifts in 2009 from the following contributors in the following amounts: Quiet Benefits Agency, \$1,000; Reminger and Reminger, \$3,000; Government Strategies Group, \$3,000; Union Central Life Insurance Company, \$1,500; Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Association, \$250; Duke Energy; \$180; Jones Warner Consultants, \$90; Government Strategies Group, \$2,000; and R.E. Kramig & Company, \$1,000.

### **Cash Reconciliation**

1. We reviewed the December 31, 2009 reconciliation of the bank account used for receipts and disbursements restricted pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.1012(A). The bank reconciliation presented by the Financial Administrator reported the December 31, 2009 bank balance of \$10,731.86, but included reconciling items through January 22, 2010. The reconciliation calculated a reconciled balance at January 23, 2010 of \$35,355.38, but the Financial Administrator did not present an *Ohio Campaign Finance Report* with this balance. The December 31, 2009 balance on the *Ohio Campaign Finance Report* was \$11,132.48. The Financial Administrator did not present documentation to reconcile the difference of \$400.62 between the bank balance amount of \$10,731.86 and the balance of \$11,132.48 as reported on *Ohio Campaign Finance Report*.
2. We compared the bank balance on the reconciliation to the bank statement balance as of December 31, 2009. We noted no errors.

### **Cash Disbursements**

1. We footed each *Statement of Expenditures* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Disbursement Form 31-B), filed for 2009. We noted no computational errors.
2. Per Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(1), we scanned Disbursement Form 31-B filed for 2009 and inquired of management whether they transferred any cash from the restricted fund to any other political party account into which contributions may be made or from which contributions or expenditures may be made. We found no evidence of prohibited transfers.
3. We compared the amounts on checks or other disbursements reflected in 2009 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-B filed for 2009. We found no discrepancies.
4. Using nonstatistical sampling methods, we selected 25 disbursement transactions haphazardly on Disbursement Forms 31-B filed for 2009. We traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee's name on canceled checks. The payees and amounts recorded on Disbursement Forms 31-B agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks and invoices.
5. We scanned the payee for each 2009 disbursement for evidence that it might represent a contribution or campaign-related disbursement, both of which Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(2)(b) prohibit. We found no evidence that any restricted fund disbursements represented contributions or campaign-related disbursements.

6. We compared the signature on 2009 checks to the authorized signatory list dated February 22, 2010 that the Committee provided to us. The signatory on all checks we selected was an approved signatory. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check without exception.
7. We scanned each 2009 restricted fund disbursement recorded on Form 31-B for evidence that it represented a transfer from the restricted fund to any other state or county political party, which Ohio Rev. Code 3517(X)(4) prohibits. We found no evidence of any transfers.
8. We compared the purpose of the disbursements we selected in step# 3 above listed on 2009 Disbursement Forms 31-B to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 permits. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice violated the restrictions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18.
9. Ohio Rev. Code 3517.1012 requires the Party to file Forms 31-M electronically with the Secretary of State when the Committee receives gifts from corporations or labor organizations. The Committee filed Form 31-B but should have filed a Form 31-M because they received corporate gifts in 2009 from the following contributors in the following amounts: Quiet Benefits Agency, \$1,000; Reminger and Reminger, \$3,000; Government Strategies Group, \$3,000; Union Central Life Insurance Company, \$1,500; Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Association, \$250; Duke Energy; \$180; Jones Warner Consultants, \$90; Government Strategies Group, \$2,000; and R.E. Kramig & Company, \$1,000.

We were not engaged to, and did not examine each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* and *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* filed for 2009, the objective of which would have been to opine on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express 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 Secretary of State of Ohio and for the Republican Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.



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March 30, 2010







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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  
MAY 6, 2010**