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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Democratic Executive Committee
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Cadiz, Ohio 43907

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Democratic Executive Committee (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, 2010. 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. Management informed us they received no such gifts.
2. We footed each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2010. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2010 restricted fund savings account book to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2010. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form.
4. We scanned the Committee's 2010 savings account book 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-CC reported the sum of these four payments without exception.
5. We scanned other recorded 2010 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.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2010 reconciliation for the bank account used for receipts and disbursements restricted pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.1012(A). We found no computational errors.
2. We agreed the bank balance on the reconciliation to the savings account balance as of December 31, 2010. The balances agreed.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), filed for 2010. We noted no computational errors.
2. Per Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(1), we scanned Disbursement Form 31-M filed for 2010 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 2010 restricted fund savings account book to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2010. We found no discrepancies.
4. For the only disbursement on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2010, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee's name on the canceled check. The payee and amount recorded on Disbursement Forms 31-M agreed to the payee and amount on the canceled check and confirmation.
5. We scanned the payee for each 2010 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 the 2010 check to the list dated December 31, 2010 of authorized signatories 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 2010 restricted fund disbursement recorded on Form 31-M 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 each disbursement listed on 2010 Disbursement Forms 31-M to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 permits. We found an instance where the purpose described on the invoice violated the restrictions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.18 states that a political party receiving moneys from the Ohio political party fund may expend the money for the following purposes:

- a. The defraying of operating and maintenance costs associated with political party headquarters;
- b. The organization of voter registration programs;
- c. The administration of party fund-raising drives;
- d. Paid advertisements to publicize the Ohio political party fund;
- e. Direct mail campaigns not related to any particular candidate;
- f. Preparation of reports required by law.

The Harrison Democratic Executive Committee donated \$300, in two separate payments, to the Close Up Program, which is administered by Harrison Hills City School District for high school students. The donation is not an allowable expense in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.18.

Cash Disbursements – (Continued)

In accordance with the forgoing facts and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against Harrison Democratic Executive Committee, jointly and severally, for \$300 and in favor of the Harrison Democratic political party restricted fund.

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 2010, 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 Democratic Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

December 21, 2011

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HARRISON DEMOCRATIC PARTY

HARRISON COUNTY

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 3, 2012**