



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Stark County Democratic Party Executive Committee
306 Market Avenue, North, Suite 1006
Canton, Ohio 44702

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Democratic Executive 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, 2003. 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 the Ohio Political Party Fund receipts with the State of Ohio and agreed them to amounts shown on the Ohio Campaign Finance Report. We found no exceptions.

Cash Reconciliation

We compared the sum of the cash balances recorded on the Committee's Ohio Campaign Finance Report with the bank balances.

The sums agreed; however, the Democratic Party did not prepare monthly bank to book cash reconciliations for the fiscal year 2003. As a result, the possibility exist that errors or irregularities could occur and not be detected timely.

The Democratic Party should perform bank reconciliations monthly to help ensure the accuracy of funds maintained by the political party. These cash reconciliations should include the prior month's ending balance, an outstanding checks list, deposits in transit, and any other applicable reconciling items.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed the cash disbursement listing Expenditures from Political Party Fund Moines and compared the listing totals to the disbursement totals on the Ohio Campaign Report. The amounts agreed.
2. For all transactions, we 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 "Statement of Expenditures" agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks.
3. We compared the signature on the check to the list dated February 5, 2002 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.

Payroll Disbursements

We compared all personnel positions paid with Ohio Political Party Funds with those allowable under 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

June 3, 2004

**DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY
STARK COUNTY**

**OHIO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
(UNAUDITED)**

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2003		\$ 921
Receipts:		
State Distribution	4,079	
Other	4	
Total Receipts		<u>4,083</u>
Disbursements:		
Rent	2,800	
Payroll	<u>187</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>2,987</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2003		<u>\$2,017</u>

(See Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-upon Procedures)

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STARK 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
JULY 8, 2004**