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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Columbiana County Republican Executive Committee
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Republican Executive Committee (the Committee) agreed, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.17, and 3517.18, for the year ended December 31, 2005. 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. 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 requested copies of each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits*, Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2005. The Committee did not file the required Form 31-CC, rather, they filed the *Receipt of Ohio Political Party Fund Monies*.
3. We footed the *Receipt of Ohio Political Party Fund Monies* filed for 2005. We noted no computational errors.
4. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2005 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded on the *Receipt of Ohio Political Party Fund Monies* filed for 2005.
5. We confirmed amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A), and agreed them to amounts shown on the *Receipt of Ohio Political Party Fund Monies* filed for 2005. We found no exceptions.
6. We scanned other recorded receipts for evidence that a corporation or labor organization may have exceeded the \$10,00 annual gift limit Ohio Rev. Code 3517(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, 2005 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 bank statement balance as of December 31, 2005. The balances agreed.
3. We agreed reconciling items appearing on the reconciliation to canceled checks and deposit slips. We determined that the dates on those documents support that those items were proper reconciling items and were recorded in the proper amount on the reconciliation as of December 31, 2005.

Cash Disbursements

1. We requested copies of each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), filed for 2005. The Committee did not file the required Form 31-M, rather they filed the *Expenditures From Ohio Political Party Fund Moneys*.
2. We footed the *Expenditures From Ohio Political Party Fund Moneys* filed for 2005. We noted no computational errors.
3. Per Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13 (X)(!), we scanned the *Expenditure From Ohio Political Party Fund Monies* Form 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.
4. We compared the amounts on checks reflected in the 2005 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on the *Expenditures From Ohio Political Party Fund Moneys* filed for 2005. We found no exceptions.
5. For each disbursement on Disbursement Forms *Expenditures From Ohio Political Party Fund Moneys* for 2005, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee's name on canceled checks. The payees and amounts recorded on the *Expenditures From Ohio Political Party Fund Moneys* agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks and invoices.
6. We scanned the payee for each disbursement for evidence that it might represent a contribution or campaign-related disbursement, both of which Ohio Rev. Code 3517(X)(2)(b) prohibit. We found no evidence that any restricted fund disbursements represented contributions or campaign-related disbursements.
7. We compared the signature on 2005 checks to the list 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.

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8. We scanned each restricted fund disbursement recorded on the *Expenditures From Ohio Political Party Fund Moneys* Form 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.
9. We compared the purpose of each disbursement we selected in step 3 above listed on Disbursement form 31-B, filed for 2005, to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purpose Ohio Rev. Code 3517.18 permits. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice violated the restrictions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an examination, the objective of which would be to express an opinion on compliance for each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* and *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* filed for 2005. 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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September 1, 2006



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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

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OCTOBER 5, 2006**