



**STARK COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Republican Executive Committee
Stark County
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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 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, 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 footed each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2005. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2005 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2005.
4. We confirmed amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A), and agreed them to amounts shown on Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2005. We found no exceptions.

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 the reconciliation did not contain financial information from the Party's January through March 2005 bank statements and the ending balance amount (\$85.56) from the March statement was placed in the Party's unrestricted checking account. No other computational errors were noted.

2. We agreed the bank balance on the reconciliation to the bank statement balance as of December 31, 2005. The balances did not agree for the reasons stated above.
3. There were no reconciling items appearing on the reconciliation as of December 31, 2005.

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 200X. We noted no computational errors.
2. Per Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(1), we scanned Disbursement Form 31-M 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 2005 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2005. We noted no computational errors.
4. For each disbursement on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed 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 Disbursement Forms 31-M agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks and invoices.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. We scanned each 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 for each disbursement listed on Disbursement Forms 31-M, filed for 2005, to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 permits. We noted no errors.

We noted one instance, in which the Committee used public funds to pay \$100 for alcoholic beverages. The Committee should reimburse the Restricted Fund for \$100 and monitor expenditures paid from the Restricted Fund to ensure that expenditures are for a proper public purpose. The Committee reimbursed the Restricted Fund on October 27, 2006 for the alcohol purchase.

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 2005, 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.

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

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September 12, 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

**CERTIFIED
NOVEMBER 14, 2006**