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Republican Party
Pike County
Agreed-Upon Procedures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Circleville Piketon Worthington



Executive Committee Pike County Republican Party PO Box 1143 Waverly, Ohio 45690

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Pike County Republican Party prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Pike County Republican Party is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

April 22, 2015



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#### Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

March 26, 2015

Secretary of State of Ohio Republican Executive Committee Pike County PO Box 1143 Waverly, Ohio 45690

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with 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, 2014. The Committee is responsible for complying with these requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards 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 inquired of the Committee to obtain each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2014. There were no receipts, therefore, no statement was filed.
- 3. There were no 2014 bank statements to scan for quarterly payments from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A) due to the Committee not having a bank account in 2014. We found the Committee did not did not receive any distributions from the State of Ohio in 2014 because a Form W-9 was not filed with the Office of Budget and Management (OBM). We recommend that the Committee complete and file the Form W-9.

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#### **Cash Reconciliation**

The Committee did not have a bank account in 2014 for receipts and disbursements restricted pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.1012(A). Therefore, there were no cash reconciliations.

#### **Cash Disbursements**

There were no disbursements made during the year ended December 31, 2014.

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 2014, 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 other than these specified parties.

Balestra, Harr, & Scherer CPAs, Inc.

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Piketon, Ohio March 26, 2015



#### **PIKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY**

#### **PIKE 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MAY 7, 2015