

**Vincent M. Ignizio, CD #51 (2009)**

**1. Accepting over-the-limit “Doing Business” contributions \$500**

Campaigns may not accept contributions from individuals or entities that have business dealings with New York City government (“the city”) in excess of the applicable “Doing Business” contribution limit for the entire election cycle. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), (18), (20), 3-703(1-a), (1-b); Board Rules 1-02, 1-04(c)(1), 1-04(h). When a candidate receives a contribution in excess of the limit from a contributor who has business dealings with the city, the candidate must return the excess portion to the contributor by bank check or certified check made out to the contributor within twenty days of being notified by the Board. *See* Board Rule 1-04(c)(1).

The Campaign accepted two contributions that exceeded by \$50 the \$250 City Council “Doing Business” limit for 2009. The Campaign returned them after the refund deadline.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$500 for this violation.

**2. Exceeding the expenditure limit \$1,302**

Candidates who participate in the Campaign Finance Program must abide by limits on the amount of money they can spend on their campaigns. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(1)(i), 3-706, 3-711(2)(a); Board Rules 1-08(d), (l). A payment made by another entity on behalf of a campaign is an in-kind contribution and also an expenditure because the contributor has made an expenditure on the campaign’s behalf. *See* Admin. Code § 3-702(8); Board Rule 1-04(g). A campaign liability is an expenditure. *See* Admin. Code § 3-702(21)(a).

The expenditure limit for candidates running for City Council in the 2009 general election was \$161,000. *See* Admin. Code §3-706(1)(a). The Campaign exceeded the expenditure limit by \$2,605.32.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$1,302 for this violation.