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Via C-Access May 6, 2016

Darrell L. Paster Friends of JR

Dear Darrell Paster:

Please find attached the New York City Campaign Finance Board's ("CFB" or "Board") Final Audit Report for the 2013 campaign of Jenifer Rajkumar (the "Campaign"). CFB staff prepared the report based on a review of the Campaign's financial disclosure statements and documentation submitted by the Campaign.

This report incorporates the Board's final determination of July 9, 2015 (attached). The report concludes that the Campaign demonstrated substantial compliance with the Campaign Finance Act (the "Act") and the Board Rules (the "Rules"), with exceptions as detailed in the report.

As detailed in the attached Final Board Determination, the Campaign must repay its final bank balance of \$110.91.

The full amount owed must be paid no later than **June 6, 2016**. Please send a check in the amount of \$110.91, payable to the "New York City Election Campaign Finance Fund," to: New York City Campaign Finance Board, 100 Church Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

If the CFB is not in receipt of the full amount owed by **June 6, 2016**, the Candidate's name and the amount owed will be posted on the CFB's website. The CFB may also initiate a civil action to compel payment. In addition, the Candidate will not be eligible to receive public funds for any future election until the full amount is paid. Further information regarding liability for this debt can be found in the attached Final Board Determination.

The Campaign may challenge a public funds determination in a petition for Board reconsideration within thirty days of the date of the Final Audit Report as set forth in Board Rule 5-02(a). However, the Board will not consider the petition unless the Campaign submits new information

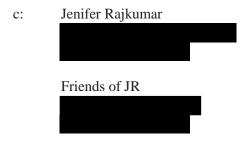
and/or documentation and shows good cause for its previous failure to provide this information or documentation. To submit a petition, please call the Legal Unit at 212-409-1800.

The January 15, 2014 disclosure statement (#16) was the last disclosure statement the Campaign was required to file with the CFB for the 2013 elections. The Campaign is required to maintain its records for six years after the election, and the CFB may require the Campaign to demonstrate ongoing compliance. *See* Rules 3-02(b)(3), 4-01(a), and 4-03. In addition, please contact the New York State Board of Elections for information concerning its filing requirements.

The CFB appreciates the Campaign's cooperation during the 2013 election cycle. Please contact the Audit Unit at 212-409-1800 or <a href="Maidte AuditMail@nyccfb.info">AuditMail@nyccfb.info</a> with any questions about the enclosed report.

Sincerely,
signature on original

Sauda S. Chapman
Director of Auditing and Accounting



Attachments



Friends of JR

May 2016

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### **RESULTS IN BRIEF**

The results of the New York City Campaign Finance Board's ("CFB" or "Board") review of the reporting and documentation of the 2013 campaign of Jenifer Rajkumar (the "Campaign") indicate findings of non-compliance with the Campaign Finance Act (the "Act") and Board Rules (the "Rules") as detailed below:

### Disclosure Findings

Accurate public disclosure is an important part of the CFB's mission. Findings in this section relate to the Campaign's failure to completely and timely disclose the Campaign's financial activity.

- The Campaign did not report or inaccurately reported financial transactions to the Board (see Finding #1).
- The Campaign did not disclose payments made by a vendor to subcontractors (see Finding #2).

### **Contribution Findings**

All campaigns are required to abide by contribution limits and adhere to the ban on contributions from prohibited sources. Further, campaigns are required to properly disclose and document all contributions. Findings in this section relate to the Campaign's failure to comply with the requirements for contributions under the Act and Rules.

• The Campaign did not disclose in-kind contributions received (see Finding #3).

#### **Public Matching Funds Findings**

The CFB matches contributions from individual New York City residents at a \$6-to-\$1 rate, up to \$1,050 per contributor. The CFB performs reviews to ensure that the correct amount of public funds was received by the Campaign and that public funds were spent in accordance with the Act and Rules. Findings in this section relate to whether any additional public funds are due, or any return of public funds by the Campaign is necessary.

• The Campaign is required to return its final bank balance (see Finding #4).

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Campaign Finance Act of 1988, which changed the way election campaigns are financed in New York City, created the voluntary Campaign Finance Program. The Program increases the information available to the public about elections and candidates' campaign finances, and reduces the potential for actual or perceived corruption by matching up to \$175 of contributions from individual New York City residents. In exchange, candidates agree to strict spending limits. Those who receive funds are required to spend the money for purposes that advance their campaign.

The CFB is the nonpartisan, independent city agency that administers the Campaign Finance Program for elections to the five offices covered by the Act: Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, Borough President, and City Council member. All candidates are required to disclose all campaign activity to the CFB. This information is made available via the CFB's online searchable database, increasing the information available to the public about candidates for office and their campaign finances.

All candidates must adhere to strict contribution limits and are banned from accepting contributions from corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies. Additionally, participating candidates are prohibited from accepting contributions from unregistered political committees. Campaigns must register with the CFB, and must file periodic disclosure statements reporting all financial activity. The CFB reviews these statements after they are filed and provides feedback to the campaigns.

The table below provides detailed information about the Campaign:

Name: Jenifer Rajkumar

ID: 1682

Office Sought: City Council

District: 01

Committee Name: Friends of JR Classification: Participant Certification Date: June 7, 2013

**Ballot Status: Primary** 

Primary Election Date: September 10, 2013

Party: Democratic

Contribution Limit:

\$2,750

Expenditure Limit: 2010–2012: \$45,000 2013 Primary: \$168,000 2013 General: N/A

Public Funds: Received: \$86,292 Returned: \$0

Campaign Finance Summary:

http://bit.ly/1rkQ02a

### **SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY**

Pursuant to Admin. Code § 3-710(1), the CFB conducted this audit to determine whether the Campaign complied with the Act and Rules. Specifically, we evaluated whether the Campaign:

- 1. Accurately reported financial transactions and maintained adequate books and records.
- 2. Adhered to contribution limits and prohibitions.
- 3. Disbursed funds in accordance with the Act and Rules.
- 4. Complied with expenditure limits.
- 5. Received the correct amount of public funds, or whether additional funds are due to the Campaign or must be returned.

Prior to the election, we performed preliminary reviews of the Campaign's compliance with the Act and Rules. We evaluated the eligibility of each contribution for which the Campaign claimed matching funds, based on the Campaign's reporting and supporting documentation. We also determined the Candidate's eligibility for public funds by ensuring the Candidate was on the ballot for an election, was opposed by another candidate on the ballot, and met the two-part threshold for receiving public funds. Based on various criteria, we also selected the Campaign for an onsite review, and visited the Campaign's location to observe its activity and review its recordkeeping. After the election, we performed an audit of all financial disclosure statements submitted for the election (see summary of activity reported in these statements at Appendix #1).

To verify that the Campaign accurately reported and documented all financial transactions, we requested all of the Campaign's bank statements and reconciled the financial activity on the bank statements to the financial activity reported on the Campaign's disclosure statements. We identified unreported, misreported, and duplicate disbursements, as well as reported disbursements that did not appear on the Campaign's bank statements. We also calculated debit and credit variances by comparing the total reported debits and credits to the total debits and credits amounts appearing on the bank statements. Because the Campaign reported that more than 25% of the dollar amount of its total contributions were in the form of credit card contributions—or had a variance between the total credit card contributions reported and the credits on its merchant account statements of more than 4%—we reconciled the transfers on the submitted merchant account statements to the deposits on the bank account statements.

As part of our reconciliation of reported activity to the bank statements the Campaign provided, we determined whether the Campaign properly disclosed all bank accounts. We also determined if the Campaign filed disclosure statements timely and reported required activity daily during the two weeks before the election. Finally, we reviewed the Campaign's reporting to ensure it disclosed required information related to contribution and expenditure transactions, such as intermediaries and subcontractors.

To determine if the Campaign adhered to contribution limits and prohibitions, we conducted a comprehensive review of the financial transactions reported in the Campaign's disclosure statements. Based on the Campaign's reported contributions, we assessed the total amount contributed by any one source and determined if it exceeded the applicable limit. We also determined if any of the contribution sources were prohibited. We reviewed literature and other documentation to determine if the Campaign accounted for joint activity with other campaigns.

To ensure that the Campaign disbursed funds in accordance with the Act and Rules, we reviewed the Campaign's reported expenditures and obtained documentation to assess whether funds were spent in furtherance of the Candidate's nomination or election. We also reviewed information from the New York State Board of Elections and the Federal Election Commission to determine if the Candidate had other political committees active during the 2013 election cycle. We determined if the Campaign properly disclosed these committees, and considered all relevant expenditures made by such committees in the assessment of the Campaign's total expenditures.

We requested records necessary to verify that the Campaign's disbursement of public funds was in accordance with the Act and Rules. Our review ensured that the Campaign maintained and submitted sufficiently detailed records for expenditures made in the election year that furthered the Candidate's nomination and election, or "qualified expenditures" for which public funds may be used. We specifically omitted expenditures made by the Campaign that are not qualified as defined by the Campaign Finance Act § 3-704.

We also reviewed the Campaign's activity to ensure that it complied with the applicable expenditure limits. We reviewed reporting and documentation to ensure that all expenditures—including those not reported, or misreported—were attributed to the period in which the good or service was received, used, or rendered. We also reviewed expenditures made after the election to determine if they were for routine activities involving nominal costs associated with winding up a campaign and responding to the post-election audit.

To ensure that the Campaign received the correct amount of public funds, and to determine if the Campaign must return public funds or was due additional public funds, we reviewed the Campaign's eligibility for public matching funds, and ensured that all contributions claimed for match by the Campaign were in compliance with the Act and Rules. We determined if the Campaign's activity subsequent to the pre-election reviews affected its eligibility for payment. We also compared the amount of valid matching claims to the amount of public funds paid pre-election and determined if the Campaign was overpaid, or if it had sufficient matching claims, qualified expenditures, and outstanding liabilities to receive a post-election payment. As part of this review, we identified any deductions from public funds required under Rule 5-01(n).

We determined if the Campaign met its mandatory training requirement based on records of training attendance kept throughout the 2013 election cycle. Finally, we determined if the Campaign submitted timely responses to post-election audit requests sent by the CFB.

Following an election, campaigns may only make limited winding up expenditures and are not going concerns. Because the activity occurring after the post-election audit is extremely limited, the audit focused on substantive testing of the entire universe of past transactions. The results of

the substantive testing served to establish the existence and efficacy of internal controls. The CFB also publishes and provides to all campaigns guidance regarding best practices for internal controls.

To determine if contributors were prohibited sources, we compared them to entities listed in the New York State Department of State's Corporation/Business Entity Database. Because this was the only source of such information, because it was neither practical nor cost effective to test the completeness of the information, and because candidates could provide information to dispute the Department of State data, we did not perform data reliability testing. To determine if reported addresses were residential or commercially zoned within New York City, we compared them to a database of addresses maintained by the New York City Department of Finance. Because this was the only source of such data available, because it was not cost effective to test the completeness of the information, and because campaigns had the opportunity to dispute residential/commercial designations by providing documentation, we did not perform data reliability testing.

In the course of our reviews, we determined that during the 2013 election cycle a programming error affected C-SMART, the application created and maintained by the CFB for campaigns to disclose their activity. Although the error was subsequently fixed, we determined that certain specific data had been inadvertently deleted when campaigns amended their disclosure statements and was not subsequently restored after the error was corrected. We were able to identify these instances and did not cite exceptions that were the result of the missing data or recommend violations to the Board. The possibility exists, however, that we were unable to identify all data deleted as a result of this error.

The CFB's Special Compliance Unit investigated any complaints filed against the Campaign that alleged a specific violation of the Act or Rules. The Campaign was sent a copy of all formal complaints made against it, as well as relevant informal complaints, and was given an opportunity to submit a response.

The Campaign was provided with a preliminary draft of this audit report and was asked to provide a response to the findings. The Campaign responded, and the CFB evaluated any additional documentation provided and/or amendments to reporting made by the Campaign in response. The Campaign was subsequently informed of its alleged violations and obligation to repay public funds, and was asked to respond. The Campaign responded and the CFB evaluated any additional information provided by the Campaign. After reviewing the Campaign's responses, CFB staff determined that the total recommended penalties for the Campaign's violations did not exceed \$500, and as a result the staff chose not to recommend enforcement action to the Board. The Board's actions are summarized as a part of each Finding in the Audit Results section. The finding numbers and exhibit numbers, as well as the number of transactions included in the findings, may have changed from the Draft Audit Report to the Final Audit Report.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

On September 25, 2013, Trip Yang<sup>1</sup> filed an informal complaint against the Campaign and Downtown Independent Democrats ("DID")<sup>2</sup> alleging the following:

Allegation #1: The Campaign engaged in coordination of purported independent
expenditures related to four mailings produced by DID containing express advocacy in
opposition to Margaret Chin. As evidence of the improper coordination, the complainant
cited the Candidate's membership on DID's executive committee; the Candidate's
financing of DID's activities and her role in fundraising for DID; and her role as the
District Leader of an area covered by DID.

CFB Review: The Campaign documented that at the time of the mailings the Candidate was not a member of DID's executive committee, and stated that she was an ex-officio non-voting member of DID and did not participate in its deliberations on this or other matters. In addition, the Campaign stated that the Candidate's only financial contribution to DID consisted of annual dues and support of DID's anniversary celebration.

The Campaign provided affidavits from the Candidate; Darren Johnston, the Campaign's manager; Darrell L. Paster, the Campaign's treasurer; Jean Wilcke, DID's president; and Sean Sweeney, DID's treasurer. Each individual affirmed that there had been no communication between DID and the Campaign regarding these or any other political communications.

CFB staff concluded that the Candidate's limited involvement with DID did not constitute coordination.

• Allegations #2 and #3: The expenditures associated with the mass mailings and a palmoard produced by DID were not reported timely by the Campaign.

CFB Review: Per the CFB staff's conclusion regarding allegation #1, the Campaign was not required to report expenditures associated with the mass mailings or palmcards, which were independent expenditures.

CFB staff concluded that there was no evidence to substantiate the allegations in the complaint and took no further action.

<sup>1</sup> The complainant was the manager of the campaign of Margaret Chin, who opposed Jenifer Rajkumar in the 2013 Democratic primary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other allegations in the complaint that were made solely against DID and did not involve the Campaign are not discussed herein.

### **AUDIT RESULTS**

## Disclosure Findings

## 1. Financial Disclosure Reporting - Discrepancies

Campaigns are required to report every disbursement made, and every contribution, loan, and other receipt received. *See* Admin. Code § 3-703(6); Rule 3-03. In addition, campaigns are required to deposit all receipts into an account listed on the candidate's Certification. *See* Admin. Code § 3-703(10); Rule 2-06(a). Campaigns are also required to provide the CFB with bank records, including periodic bank statements and deposit slips. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(1)(d), (g); Rules 4-01(a), (b)(1), (f).

The Campaign provided the following bank statements:

BANK	ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT TYPE	STATEMENT PERIOD
Citibank	XXXXX2545	Checking	Dec 19, 2012 –
			Jun 16, 2015

Below are the discrepancies and the additional records needed, as identified by a comparison of the records provided and the activity reported by the Campaign on its disclosure statements.

a) The Campaign did not report the following transactions that appear on its bank statements:

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XXXXX2545	Citibank Service Charge	Debit	01/08/14	\$19.00
XXXXX2545	Citibank Service Charge	Debit	12/10/13	\$19.00
XXXXX2545	Authorize.net	Debit	12/03/13	\$10.00
XXXXX2545	Alana Haasan	1078	09/03/13	\$800.00
ACCOUNT #	Name	CHECK NO./ TRANSACTION	Paid Date	AMOUNT

b) The Campaign reported the following transaction that does not appear on its bank statements:

		STATEMENT/		
	CHECK NO./	SCHEDULE/	PAID	
NAME	TRANSACTION	TRANSACTION	DATE	AMOUNT
Bankcard USA	Debit	7/F/R0000454	03/01/13	\$10.00

c) The Campaign reported duplicate transactions as listed below:

		STATEMENT/			DUPLICATE
	CHECK NO./	SCHEDULE/	PAID		REPORTED
NAME	TRANSACTION	TRANSACTION	DATE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
American Express	Debit	10/F/R0000763	05/10/13	\$7.95	
Bankcard USA	Debit	10/F/R0000732	05/10/13	\$7.95	\$7.95

## **Previously Provided Recommendation**

- a) The Campaign must amend its disclosure statements to report these transactions. The Campaign must also provide documentation for each transaction. Because bank statements provide limited information about a transaction, the Campaign should review invoices or other records to obtain all of the information necessary to properly report the transaction.
- b) For each transaction reported in the Campaign's disclosure statement(s) that does not appear on the Campaign's bank statements, the Campaign must provide evidence to show that the transaction cleared the bank (i.e., a copy of the front and back of the check, and the bank statement showing the payment). Alternatively, the Campaign may provide evidence that the transaction was reported in error, or amend the Campaign's disclosure statement to void the check. For each voided check, the Campaign must either issue a replacement check or forgive the expenditure payment. Any forgiven liabilities will be considered in-kind contributions, which could result in contribution limit violations, or be considered contributions from a prohibited source. The Campaign may need to contact the payee to determine why the transaction did not clear.
- c) For duplicate transactions, the Campaign must delete the duplicate transactions in C-SMART and submit amended disclosure statements. If the transactions are not duplicates, the Campaign must explain why the transactions are not duplicates, and provide supporting documentation. The Campaign may also need to amend its disclosure statements if it did not report transactions accurately.

Please note that any newly entered transactions that occurred during the election cycle (01/12/10—01/11/14) will appear as new transactions in an amendment to Disclosure Statement 16, even if the transaction dates are from earlier periods. Any transactions dated after the election cycle will appear in disclosure statements filed with the New York State Board of Elections. Also note that the Campaign must file an amendment for each disclosure statement in which

transactions are being modified. Once all data entry is completed, the Campaign should run the Modified Statements Report in C-SMART to identify the statements for which the Campaign must submit amendments. The C-SMART draft and final submission screens also display the statement numbers for which the Campaign should file amendments. If the Campaign added any new transactions, it must submit an amendment to Disclosure Statement 16.<sup>3</sup>

### Campaign's Response

a) In response to the Draft Audit Report, the Campaign amended its reporting to report all unreported transactions except the \$800 payment to Alana Hassan. The Campaign stated that this unreported expenditure was reported as Transaction IDs 911 and 912. However, Transaction IDs 911 and 912 are a separate \$800 expenditure also made to Alana Hassan. The canceled checks provided with the bank statements show two \$800 payments to Alana Hassan; check #1078 dated 08/30/13 and check #1086 dated 09/04/13. Check #1078, deposited by Alana Hassan as of 09/03/13, remains unreported.

Additionally, the Campaign provided the December 2013 and January 2014 bank statements that showed additional unreported charges.

- b) In response to the Draft Audit Report, the Campaign provided bank statements showing that two of the three previously cited transactions cleared the committee's bank account. The Campaign stated that it was unable to find the Bankcard transaction in any of its bank statements and believes this transaction was reported in error. The Campaign stated that it did not know how to fix its reporting for this transaction. The Campaign previously amended its reporting, but did not delete this reported expenditure.
- c) In response to the Draft Audit Report, the Campaign amended its reporting to delete duplicate transactions. However, one duplicate of \$7.95 remains.

### **Board Action**

a - c) The Board has taken no further action on this matter other than to make this a part of the Candidate's record with the Board.

#### 2. Disclosure – Possible Subcontractors

Subcontractors are vendors that a campaign's vendor hires to supply goods/services. If a vendor hired by a campaign pays a subcontractor more than \$5,000, the campaign must report the vendor, the name and address of the subcontractor, the amounts paid to the subcontractor, and the purpose of the subcontracted goods/services. *See* Rule 3-03(e)(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If the Campaign amends its reporting with the CFB, it must also submit amendments to the New York State Board of Elections.

The vendor listed below received large payments and may have subcontracted goods and services. However, the Campaign did not report subcontractors used by this vendor:

PAYEE	AMOUNT PAID
Red Horse Strategies	\$85,781.98

### **Previously Provided Recommendation**

The Campaign must contact the vendor, who must verify whether subcontractors were used. The Campaign may provide the vendor with a copy of the Subcontractor Form (available on the CFB website at <a href="http://www.nyccfb.info/PDF/forms/subcontractor\_disclosure\_form.pdf">http://www.nyccfb.info/PDF/forms/subcontractor\_disclosure\_form.pdf</a>) for this purpose, and submit the completed form with the Campaign's response. In addition, if subcontractors were used and paid more than \$5,000, the Campaign must amend its disclosure statements to report subcontractor information. If the vendor does not complete the Subcontractor Form, the Campaign should submit documentation of its attempts to obtain this information, including copies of certified mail receipts and the letters sent to the vendors.

### Campaign's Response

In response to the Draft Audit Report, the Campaign provided a complete subcontractor form from Red Horse Strategies disclosing Atlas Direct Mail as a subcontractor for \$17,205.30 worth of goods and/or services. However, the Campaign failed to amend its disclosure statements to report the subcontractor information.

#### **Board Action**

The Board has taken no further action on this matter other than to make this a part of the Candidate's record with the Board.

#### **Contribution Findings**

### 3. Undocumented or Unreported In-Kind Contributions

In-kind contributions are goods or services provided to a campaign for free, paid by a third party, or provided at a discount not available to others. The amount of the in-kind contribution is the difference between the fair market value of the goods or services and the amount the Campaign paid. Liabilities for goods and services for the Campaign which are forgiven, in whole or part, are also in-kind contributions. In addition, liabilities for goods and services outstanding beyond 90 days are in-kind contributions unless the vendor has made commercially reasonable attempts to collect. An in-kind contribution is both a contribution and expenditure subject to both the contribution and expenditure limits. Volunteer services are not in-kind contributions. In-kind

contributions are subject to contribution source restrictions. *See* Admin. Code § 3-702(8); Rules 1-02 and 1-04(g). Campaigns may not accept contributions from any corporation, partnership, limited liability partnership (LLP), or limited liability company (LLC). *See* Admin. Code § 3-703(1)(*l*).

Campaigns are required to report all in-kind contributions they receive. *See* Admin. Code § 3-703(6); Rule 3-03. In addition, campaigns are required to maintain and provide the CFB documentation demonstrating the fair market value of each in-kind contribution. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(1)(d), (g); Rules 1-04(g)(2) and 4-01(c).

The Campaign reported the following expenditure. However, the reported payment for this expenditure is not present on any of the bank statements provided by the Campaign, nor is it reported as an outstanding liability. (*See* also Finding #1b) As a result, the Campaign's reporting and documentation indicate that a third party paid for this transaction, or that the good or service was provided by the reported payee for free.

	REPORTED	STATEMENT/		
	CHECK NO./	SCHEDULE/	PAID	
NAME	TRANSACTION	TRANSACTION	DATE	AMOUNT
Bankcard USA	Debit	7/F/R0000454	03/01/13	\$10.00

## **Previously Provided Recommendation**

For each transaction, the Campaign must provide a written explanation describing how the good or service was purchased, or provided, and who paid for it. If the Campaign paid the expenditure, it must provide evidence to show that the transaction cleared the bank (i.e., a copy of the front and back of the check, and the bank statement showing the payment). Alternatively, the Campaign may provide evidence that the transaction was reported in error. If the reported payee donated the goods or services, or it was purchased or donated by a third party, the Campaign must submit an in-kind contribution form completed by the contributor, and report the item as an in-kind contribution by submitting an amendment to Statement 16. *See* also Finding #1b.

### Campaign's Response

In response to the Draft Audit Report, the Campaign provided documentation to show that two of the three previously cited transactions cleared the bank account. The Campaign stated that it was unable to find the Bankcard transaction in any of the bank statements and believes this transaction was reported in error. The Campaign stated that it did not know how to fix its reporting of this transaction in C-SMART. (*See* also Finding #1b.)

### **Board Action**

The Board has taken no further action on this matter other than to make this a part of the Candidate's record with the Board.

#### **Public Matching Funds Findings**

### 4. Return of Final Bank Balance

Campaigns are required to return excess public funds after the election. *See* Admin. Code § 3-710(2)(c); Rule 5-03(e). Public funds are only intended to be used for campaign expenditures, and not every campaign will use all of the public funds it received. This may occur when additional contributions were received or a campaign spent less than anticipated. To ensure that excess public funds are not wasted, until excess public funds have been repaid the only disbursements allowed are those for the preceding election and routine post-election expenditures. Routine post-election expenditures are those involving nominal cost associated with winding up a campaign and responding to the post-election audit. *See* Rule 5-03(e)(2)(i), (ii).

In response to the Notice of Recommended Public Funds Repayment, the Campaign provided bank statements showing a June 16, 2015 bank balance of \$110.91.

## **Previously Provided Recommendation**

The Campaign must respond to all findings in this Draft Audit Report, including providing additional bank statements if requested. The Campaign must repay the final bank balance above with a check payable to the "New York City Election Campaign Finance Fund." If the Campaign disagrees with the amount, it must provide documentation and explanation to show why the amount is not correct. The Campaign may reduce the amount it must return to the Public Fund by proving that outstanding loans or outstanding liabilities timely reported on Statement 16 and not previously documented are still outstanding.

## Campaign's Response

In response to the Notice of Alleged Violations and Notice of Post-Election Repayment, documentation provided demonstrates that as of June 16, 2015 the Campaign had a bank balance of \$110.91. However, the Campaign failed to repay the final bank balance.

#### **Board Action**

The Board determined that the Campaign must repay \$110.91 to the Public Fund.

We performed this audit in accordance with the audit responsibilities of the CFB as set forth in Admin. Code § 3-710. We limited our review to the areas specified in this report's audit scope.

Respectfully submitted,



signature on original

Sauda S. Chapman

Director of Auditing and Accounting

Date: May 6, 2016

Staff: Hannah Golden

# New York City Campaign Finance Board Campaign Finance Information System Transaction Summary Report Appendix 1

Candidate: Rajkumar, Jenifer (ID:1682-P)

Office: 5 (City Council)

Election: 2013

Liection: 2013			
Opening cash balance (All committees)		\$0.00	
2. Total itemized monetary contributions (Sch ABC)		\$83,051.11	
3. Total unitemized monetary contributions		\$0.00	
4. Total in-kind contributions (Sch D)		\$0.00	
5. Total unitemized in-kind contributions		\$0.00	
6. Total other receipts (Sch E - excluding CFB payments)		\$0.00	
7. Total unitemized other receipts		\$0.00	
8. Total itemized expenditures (Sch F)		\$163,945.76	
Expenditure payments	\$160,660.37		
Advance repayments	\$3,285.39		
9. Total unitemized expenditures		\$0.00	
10. Total transfers-In (Sch G)		\$0.00	
Type 1	\$0.00		
Type 2a	\$0.00		
Type 2b	\$0.00		
11. Total transfers-out (Sch H)		\$0.00	
Type 1	\$0.00		
Type 2a	\$0.00		
Type 2b	\$0.00		
12. Total loans received (Sch I)		\$0.00	
13. Total loan repayments (Sch J)		\$0.00	
14. Total loans forgiven (Sch K)		\$0.00	
15. Total liabilities forgiven (Sch K)		\$0.00	
16. Total expenditures refunded (Sch L)		\$0.00	
17. Total receipts adjustment (Sch M - excluding CFB repayments)		\$0.00	
18. Total outstanding liabilities (Sch N - last statement submitted)		\$240.00	
Outstanding Bills	\$240.00		
Outstanding Advances	\$0.00		
19. Total advanced amount (Sch X)		\$0.00	
20. Net public fund payments from CFB		\$86,292.00	
Total public funds payment	\$86,292.00		
Total public funds returned	\$0.00		
21. Total Valid Matchable Claims		\$14,512.00	
22. Total Invalid Matchable Claims		\$2,234.00	
23. Total Amount of Penalties Assessed		N/A	
24. Total Amount of Penalty Payments		\$0.00	
25. Total Amount of Penalties Withheld		\$0.00	