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FINAL BOARD DETERMINATION – EC2013 CAMPAIGN

The New York City Campaign Finance Board (“Board”), at a meeting held on May 14, 2015, made the following final determination concerning the Andrew J. Cohen 2013 Campaign (“Campaign”):

The Board determined that the Candidate, the Treasurer, and the Committee named above violated the New York City Campaign Finance Act (“Act”) and Board Rules and are jointly and severally liable for paying \$713 in penalties and found an infraction as follows:

1. An infraction for accepting an over-the-limit contribution. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), 3-703(1)(f), (11), 3-719(2); Board Rule 1-04(c)(1). Multiple contributions from a single source are totaled to determine compliance. ‘Single source’ includes “every political committee established, maintained, or controlled by the same person.” Board Rule 1-04(h). The Campaign accepted contributions from Jeffrey Dinowitz and Friends of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz totaling \$2,925 (\$175 over the contribution limit of \$2,750), and promptly refunded the overage upon notice from the Board.

Candidate ID Number: 1627

2. A penalty of \$500 for failing to demonstrate compliance with intermediary reporting and documentation requirements. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(1)(d), (g), (6), (11), 3-719(1); Board Rules 3-03(c)(7), 4-01(b)(5). The Campaign did not submit intermediary affirmation statements for any of its five intermediaries.

3. A penalty of \$213 for making impermissible post-election expenditures. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(21)(a)(8), 3-703(1)(d), (g), (6), (11), 3-710(2)(c); Board Rules 1-03(a), 1-08(b), 5-03(e)(2). The Campaign's January through August 2014 bank statements show what appear to be impermissible post-election expenditures totaling \$855.44

The Board determined that the amount due is \$713.

You must pay to the Board the full amount due of \$713 no later **December 17, 2015**. Checks should be made payable to the "New York City Election Campaign Finance Fund," and mailed to the attention of Katharine Loving, Associate Counsel, New York City Campaign Finance Board, 100 Church Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or delivered to the offices of the Board.

If the Board is not in receipt of the full \$713 by **December 17, 2015**, the candidate's name and the unpaid amount will be posted on the Board's Website and the Board may initiate a civil action against the Committee, the Candidate, and the Treasurer to compel payment. In addition, you will be ineligible for public funds in any future election until this debt is paid in full.

You may challenge this final determination, within four months, in the New York State Supreme Court pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

If you need additional time to pay this amount or if you have any questions concerning this Final Board Determination, please contact Katharine Loving, Associate Counsel, at (212) 409-1864 or KLoving@nyccfb.info.



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