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FINAL BOARD DETERMINATION – EC2013 CAMPAIGN

The New York City Campaign Finance Board (“Board”), at a meeting held on May 12, 2016, made the following final determination concerning the Debra Cooper 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 \$600 in penalties as follows:

1. A penalty of \$125 for accepting over-the-limit contributions. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), 3-703(1)(f), (11); Board Rules 1-04(c)(1), (h), 1-07(c). In January 2013, Cooper made six contributions totaling the \$8,250 permissible limit applicable to candidates. On March 11, 2013, she made a \$1,000 loan to the Campaign, which was an in-kind contribution because it was not repaid until after the election. Therefore, Cooper exceeded the contribution limit by \$1,000.
2. A penalty of \$100 for failing to document a transaction. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(1)(d), (g), (11), (12), 3-715; Board Rules 1-09, 4-01(a), (c), (g), (k), 4-03. The Campaign reported receiving a \$1,000 loan, but failed to submit documentation.
3. A penalty of \$125 for accepting contributions from unregistered political committees. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(11), 3-703(1)(k), 3-707; Board Rules 1-04 (c)(1), (d), (g), 1-05. The Campaign accepted a \$500 contribution from Gwen Moore for Congress, a political committee that was not registered with the CFB, and timely refunded the contribution after being notified by the CFB staff.

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4. A penalty of \$250 for making an impermissible post-election expenditure. *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 contracted with an individual to serve as the campaign manager and agreed to pay him a total of \$30,000. After paying the agreed upon \$30,000, the Campaign paid an additional \$2,000 on September 27, 2013 for the same services. This payment was not provided for in the contract or properly documented and therefore is a bonus for previously performed work.

The Board determined that the amount due is \$600.

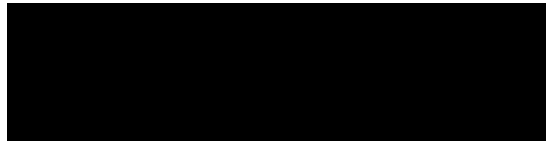
You must pay to the Board the full amount due of \$600 no later than **August 17, 2016**. Checks should be made payable to the “New York City Election Campaign Finance Fund,” and mailed to the attention of Mark Griffin, Associate Counsel, New York City Campaign Finance Board, 100 Church Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or delivered to the offices of the Board.

If the Board is not in receipt of the full \$600 by **August 17, 2016**, 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 Candidate, the Treasurer and the Committee for the penalty amount. In addition, you will be ineligible for public funds in any future election until this debt is paid in full.

You may also 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 have any questions concerning this Final Board Determination, please contact Mark Griffin, Associate Counsel, at (212) 409-1863 or mgriffin@nyccfb.info.

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