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Olanike Alabi 2013



FINAL BOARD DETERMINATION – EC2013 CAMPAIGN

The New York City Campaign Finance Board (“Board”), at a meeting held on January 14, 2016, made the following final determination concerning the Olanike Alabi 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 \$1,020 in penalties as follows:

1. A penalty of \$100 for failing to file daily pre-election disclosure statements. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(6), (12), 3-708(8); Board Rules 1-09, 3-02(e). The Campaign failed to disclose two expenditures, totaling \$20,100, to Pitta Bishop Del Giorno LLC: \$11,800 incurred on September 1, 2013, and \$8,300 incurred on September 2, 2013.

Candidate ID Number: 1638-P

2. A penalty of \$220 for failing to document a transaction. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(1)(d), (g), (11), (12), 3-715; Board Rules 1-04(g)(4), (5), 1-09, 4-01(a), (c), (g), (k), 4-03. The Campaign engaged O&B Enterprises (“O&B”) for a variety of services over the course of the campaign. It attempted to pay O&B \$11,000 for services provided on Primary Day, but actually paid \$5,000. The Campaign failed to submit adequate documentation of the services and the amounts billed.

3. A penalty of \$500 for failing to report and document basic campaign functions/activities. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), 3-703(1)(d), (g), (6), (11), (12); Board Rules 1-02, 1-04(g), 1-08(a), (b), (c), (h), 1-09, 3-02, 3-03(e), 4-01. The Campaign’s lease required it to pay for gas and electricity, but the Campaign failed to report or document any expenditures for these utilities.

4. A penalty of \$100 for failing to demonstrate that spending was in furtherance of the campaign. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(21)(a), (b); 3-703(1)(d), (g), (6), (11); Board Rules 1-03(a), 4-01(e). The Campaign paid a \$35 parking ticket on September 23, 2013, and failed to provide sufficient details and supporting documentation concerning the vehicle’s use and location at the time the ticket was issued.

5. A penalty of \$100 for making improper 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)(ii). The Campaign made four expenditures totaling \$283.58 that, due to their purpose or timing, are impermissible: 1) \$100 to the Department of Sanitation on September 24, 2013, 2) \$52.03 to Thai 101 Bistro on October 1, 2013, 3) \$84 to an individual on October 8, 2013, and 4) \$47.55 to Thai 101 Bistro on October 10, 2013.

The Board determined that the amount due is \$1,020.

You must pay to the Board the full amount due of \$1,020 no later than **November 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 \$1,020 by **November 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 Committee, the Candidate, and the Treasurer to compel payment.

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 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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