



## Summary of Final Board Determination

### STEPHEN LEVIN

**Candidate, 2013, Council District 33**

**Program participant: \$114,345 in public funds received**

**1. Accepting a contribution from a corporation \$125**

Campaigns may not accept, either directly or by transfer, a campaign contribution or loan, or guarantee or other security for such loan, from any corporation, limited liability company (LLC), or partnership. *See* N.Y.C. Charter § 1052(a)(13); Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), 3-703(1)(1); Board Rules 1-04(c)(1), (e), (g), 1-05.

The Campaign accepted a \$150 contribution from a corporation and, upon notification, refunded it promptly.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$125 for this violation.

**2. Failing to demonstrate that spending was in furtherance of the campaign \$600**

Campaigns are required to demonstrate that all 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 failed to demonstrate that \$2,403.81 in reported expenditures were in furtherance of the campaign, consisting of a television donation to a senior center raffle unsupported by documentation from the senior center; chartered buses for non-campaign events planned by Council staff, and an event with publicity material that does not mention the Campaign; and a gift that exceeded the \$50 exception for token gifts of condolence.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$600 for this violation.

**3. Making impermissible post-election expenditures \$402**

After an election and before repaying leftover campaign funds to the Board, participants may spend campaign funds only to pay campaign-related expenses incurred in the preceding election and for “routine activities involving nominal cost associated with winding up a campaign and responding to the post-election audit.” *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 made \$1,608.85 in impermissible post-election expenditures consisting of merchant account banking and web hosting fees and an unexplained expenditure to J2 Global, Inc.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$402 for this violation.