

GUERNSEY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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**JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015
AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Executive Committee
Guernsey County Democratic Party
700 North 9th Street
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Guernsey County Democratic Party, Guernsey County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Guernsey County Democratic Party is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

March 11, 2016

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Democratic Executive Committee
Guernsey County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Democratic Executive Committee (the Committee) agreed, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with certain requirements included in Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.13(X)(1), 2(b), (3)(a), and (4), 3517.17, and 3517.18, for the year ended December 31, 2015. The Committee is responsible for complying with these requirements. We followed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards for agreed-upon procedures engagements and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Committee. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Cash Receipts

1. We inquired of the Committee whether they deposited all gifts from corporations, labor organizations and all gifts restricted to operations into the same fund into which they deposit amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner. Management informed us they received no such gifts.
2. We did not foot each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), as it was not filed for 2015. We footed one *Statement of Contributions Received* (Form 31-A) and noted no computational errors. We could not foot another *Statement of Contributions Received* (Form 31-A) as the Committee did not total the form.

Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires a political party to deposit into its restricted fund all public moneys received from the Ohio Political Party Fund. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.10 (C) (6) (b) indicates the secretary of state shall prescribe the form for all statements required to be filed under this section. As prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State, the Committee is required to use the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* (Deposit Form 31-CC revised 3/05) to report all receipts from the Ohio Political Party Fund.

The Committee used an outdated *Statement of Contributions Received* (Form 31-A) to report receipts from the Ohio Political Party. The Committee should use the latest *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* form (Form 31-CC) to report receipts from the Ohio Political Party.

3. We did not compare bank deposits reflected in 2015 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Form 31-CC, as it was not filed for 2015. We compared each *Statement of Contributions Received* (Form 31-A), which was filed for 2015. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form 31-A.
4. We scanned the Committee's 2015 bank statements and noted they did not reflect four quarterly payments received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A). The bank statements did not report two payments in the amount of \$5.41 and \$25.41. Additionally, the Deposit Form 31-A did not report the same two payments.

Cash Receipts - (Continued)

5. We scanned other recorded 2015 receipts for evidence that a corporation or labor organization may have exceeded the \$10,000 annual gift limit Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(3)(a) imposes. We found no evidence that any corporation or labor organization exceeded this set limit.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2015 reconciliation for the bank account used for receipts and disbursements restricted pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.1012(A). We found no computational errors.
2. We agreed the bank balance on the reconciliation to the bank statement balance as of December 31, 2015. The balances agreed.
3. There were not reconciling items on the December 31, 2015 cash reconciliation.

Cash Disbursements

There were no cash disbursements during 2015.

We were not engaged to, and did not examine each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* and *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* filed for 2015, the objective of which would have been to opine on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Secretary of State of Ohio and for the Guernsey County Democratic Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
February 29, 2016



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 24, 2016**