



### DEMOCRATIC PARTY DEFIANCE COUNTY

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio Democratic Executive Committee Defiance County 700 Ralston Avenue, Apt 35 Defiance, Ohio 43512-1570

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, 2006. 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. 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 footed each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2006. We found no computational errors.
- 3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2006 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2006. We found no exceptions.
- 4. We confirmed amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A), with the State of Ohio and agreed them to amounts shown on Deposit Form 31-CC. A warrant issued on 4/12/06 in the amount of \$144.46 was never recorded or deposited by the Treasurer and was subsequently voided.
- 5. We scanned other recorded receipts for evidence that a corporation or labor organization may have exceeded the \$10,000 annual gift limit Ohio Rev. Code 3517(X)(3)(a) imposes. We found no evidence that any corporation or labor organization exceeded this limit.

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#### Cash Reconciliation

- 1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2006 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, 2006. The balances agreed.
- 3. We agreed reconciling items appearing on the reconciliation to deposit slips throughout the year. There were no reconciling items as of December 31, 2006.

#### **Cash Disbursements**

- We footed each Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), filed for 2006. We noted no computational errors.
- 2. Per Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(1), we scanned Disbursement Form 31-M and inquired of management whether they transferred any cash from the restricted fund to any other political party account into which contributions may be made or from which contributions or expenditures may be made. We found no evidence of prohibited transfers.
- 3. We compared the amounts on checks or other disbursements reflected in 2006 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2006. We found no exceptions.
- 4. For the disbursement on Disbursement Form 31-M filed for 2006, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoice and to the payee's name on the cancelled check. The amount of \$26.26 recorded on Disbursement Form 31-M agreed to the amount on the cancelled check and invoice, however the name of the payee on Disbursement Form 31-M and the cancelled check did not correspond to the name on the invoice. The payee on Disbursement Form 31-M and the cancelled check was Donna Hitzaman. The name on the invoice was Hicksville Main Post Office.
- 5. We scanned the payee for each disbursement for evidence that it might represent a contribution or campaign-related disbursement, both of which Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(2)(b) prohibit. We found no evidence that any restricted fund disbursements represented contributions or campaignrelated disbursements.
- 6. We compared the signature on the check issued in 2006 to the list of authorized signatories the Committee provided to us. The signatory on the check we selected was an approved signatory. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check without exception.
- 7. We scanned each restricted fund disbursement recorded on Form 31-M for evidence that it represented a transfer from the restricted fund to any other state or county political party, which Ohio Rev. Code 3517(X)(4) prohibits. We found no evidence of any transfers.

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8. We compared the purpose of the disbursement listed on Disbursement Form 31-M, filed for 2006, to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 permits. We found no instance where the purpose described on the invoice violated the restrictions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18.

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 2006, 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 Democratic Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.

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March 9, 2007



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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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MARCH 29, 2007