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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Republican Executive Committee
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Republican 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, 2007. 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 Ohio Campaign Finance Report for 2007. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2007 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded on the Campaign Finance Report for 2007. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form.
4. We scanned the Committee's 2007 bank statements and noted they reflected four quarterly payments received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A). The Finance Report for 2007 reported the sum of these four payments without exception.
5. We scanned other recorded 2007 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 limit.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2007 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, 2007. The balances agreed.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed each the Campaign Finance Report for 2007. We noted no computational errors.
2. Per Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(1), we 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 amount on checks or other disbursements reflected in 2007 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported for 2007. We found no discrepancies.
4. For the only disbursement on the Campaign Finance Report for 2007, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoice and to the payee's name on canceled check. The payee and amount recorded on the Campaign Finance Report for 2007 agreed to the payee and amount on the canceled check and invoice.
5. We scanned the payee for each 2007 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 campaign-related disbursements.
6. We compared the signature on the 2007 check to the authorized signatories the Committee provided to us. The signatory on the check was an approved signatory. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check without exception.
7. We scanned the one disbursement recorded on the Campaign Finance Report for 2007 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.
8. We compared the purpose of the disbursement listed on the Campaign Finance Report to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 permits. The purpose described on the invoice did not violate 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 2007, 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 Republican Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.



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May 7, 2008



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HARRISON COUNTY

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

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JUNE 17, 2008**