





# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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

Secretary of State of Ohio and Medina County Democratic Executive Committee P.O. Box 583 Medina. Ohio 44258

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Medina County 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, 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**

- 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 2007. We noted no computational errors.
- 3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2007 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2007. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form.
- 4. We agreed amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A), and agreed them to amounts shown on Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2007. We found no exceptions.
- 5. We scanned other recorded 2007 receipts for evidence 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 any corporation or labor organization exceeded this limit.

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#### **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.
- 3. We agreed the reconciling item appearing on the reconciliation to bank statement. We determined the date and amount support this item was a proper reconciling item and was recorded in the proper amount on the reconciliation as of December 31, 2007.

#### **Cash Disbursements**

- 1. We footed each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), filed for 2007. We noted no computational errors.
- 2. Per Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(1), we scanned Disbursement Form 31-M filed for 2007 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 2007 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2007. We found no discrepancies.
- 4. For each disbursement on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2007, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee's name on checks. The payees and amounts recorded on Disbursement Forms 31-M agreed to the payees and amounts on the checks and invoices. Bank fees were agreed to the Committee's restricted fund bank statements.
- 5. We scanned the payee for each 2007 disbursement for evidence 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 any restricted fund disbursements represented contributions or campaign-related disbursements.
- 6. We scanned each 2007 restricted fund disbursement recorded on Form 31-M for evidence 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.
- 7. We compared the purpose of each disbursement listed on 2007 Disbursement Forms 31-M to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 permits. We found no instances 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 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.

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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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February 28, 2008



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#### **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

#### **MEDINA 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED APRIL 3, 2008