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Highland County
Agreed-Upon Procedures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

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Executive Committee
Highland County Democratic Party
2835 Anderson Road
Lynchburg, Ohio 45142

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Highland County Democratic Party, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, 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 Highland County Democratic Party is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

February 23, 2016

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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

February 1, 2016

Secretary of State of Ohio
Democratic Executive Committee
Highland County
2835 Anderson Road
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with 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. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards 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. They informed us they did use this fund for all 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 2015. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2015 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2015. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form.

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 Deposit Forms 31-CC did not report three payments in the amount of \$6.44, \$36.04, and 14.91, respectively. We recommend the Committee contact the State Tax Commissioner and request reissuance of these payments.
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 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.

Cash Disbursements

The Committee did not make any 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 Democratic Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs

Balestra, Harr, & Scherer CPAs, Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
February 1, 2016

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HIGHLAND 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

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 17, 2016**