GUERNSEY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES



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

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Guernsey County Democratic Party, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. 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.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

April 18, 2019





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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio Democratic Executive Committee Guernsey County 700 North 9th Street Cambridge, Ohio 43725

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Democratic Executive Committee, the management of the Guernsey County Democratic Executive Committee (the Committee), the Secretary of State and the Auditor of State, on compliance requirements listed in Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.13 (X)(1), 2(b), (3)(a), and (4), 3517.17 and 3517.18 for certain receipts, expenditures and restricted funds for the year ended December 31, 2018, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Committee. The Committee is responsible for the compliance of those requirements related to receipts, disbursements and restricted funds. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report.

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 and the Ohio State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party. Management informed us they received no such gifts.
- 2. We did not foot each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), as the form was not filed for 2018. We footed each *Statement of Contributions Received* (Form 31-A), which were filed for 2018. We found no computational errors.

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 2018 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Form 31-CC, as the form was not filed for 2018. We compared each *Statement of Contributions Received* (Form 31-A), which were filed for 2018. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form 31-A.
- 4. We inspected the Committee's 2018 bank statements and they did not reflect four quarterly payments received from the State Tax Commissioner and the Ohio State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A). Deposit From 31-CC did not report these four quarterly payments as the form was not filed for 2018. Deposit Form 31-A did not report one payment in the amount of \$0.77. The payment was deposited in February 2019.

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Cash Receipts - (Continued)

5. We inspected other recorded 2018 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, 2018 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, 2018. The balances agreed.
- 3. There were no reconciling items on the December 31, 2018 cash reconciliation.

Cash Disbursements

There were no cash disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants attestation standards and applicable attestation standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' Government Auditing Standards. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on compliance requirements listed in Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.13 (X)(1), 2(b), (3)(a), and (4), 3517.17 and 3517.18 for certain receipts, expenditures and restricted funds for the year ended December 31, 2018. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

This report is to provide assistance in evaluation of the Committee's 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, 2018. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Julian & Grube, Inc. March 29, 2019

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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 MAY 9, 2019