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Vladislav Yanovsky
The Yanovsky Committee
904 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459

Re: CPF-24-53

Dear Mr. Yanovsky:

This office has completed its review of certain activity related to your campaign for state representative in 2024. Based on our review, and for the reasons that follow, OCPF has determined that expenditures that were made outside of the depository bank account, or that utilized funds not raised in accordance with M.G.L. c. 55, did not comply with the campaign finance law.

As a candidate for state representative, you were required to designate a financial institution as your depository bank to file reports under Section 19 of Chapter 55, the Massachusetts campaign finance law. Section 19 specifies that, for those candidates and committees required to designate a depository, all campaign finance activity must take place through the designated depository account and be disclosed in a timely manner. Additionally, Section 19 requires expenditures in excess of \$100 to be made by committee credit/debit card or by using checks drawn directly on a committee's depository bank account.

With respect to contributions, the campaign finance law requires all legislative candidates to deposit contributions within seven days of receipt, and to file deposit reports to disclose the date and amount of each contribution received, along with the name and residential address of each contributor. M.G.L. c. 55, §§18-19. Further, Section 7 prohibits any person from making expenditures or receiving contributions in a manner not authorized by Chapter 55.

On November 4, 2024, with OCPF's assistance, you filed an external activity report, to disclose out-of-pocket spending between May and October 2024 in the total amount of \$4,668.69, for Facebook ads, campaign merchandise, lawn signs, and a mailer relative to your campaign for state representative. The external activity report was filed the day prior to the election, and reflected all of your campaign activity up to that point, with the exception of bank fees that had been charged to the depository account.



In addition, in conversations with OCPF staff, you further stated that you had previously run for a state committee seat, for which you had raised approximately \$1,100 from multiple individuals. You indicated that you used most of those funds to purchase promotional materials for your state committee race, but that you used approximately \$500 of those funds for your campaign for state representative.¹ As a candidate for state committee, fundraising and expenditures for your state committee race did not fall within the scope of the campaign finance law; however, those funds should not have been used for your state representative race, as they were not raised in accordance with M.G.L. c. 55, nor were they deposited into your campaign account and disclosed as required by law. See M.G.L. c. 55, §§ 7, 18-19; M-12-01.

Based upon our review, we have determined that the \$4,668.69 in campaign activity transacted outside of your Committee's depository account did not comply with Section 19 of the campaign finance law. In addition, your expenditure of approximately \$500, which was raised for a state committee race but used to support your candidacy for state representative, did not comply with various provisions of M.G.L. c. 55 as described above. To resolve this matter, your Committee made a payment of \$1,500 to the Commonwealth, for costs of review. Therefore, because OCPF anticipates that the guidance provided during the course of this review will ensure future compliance with the campaign finance law, and because you cooperated with the review, this matter may be closed at this time.

In accordance with the opinion of the Supervisor of Public Records, this letter is a public record.

Sincerely,



William C. Campbell
Director

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cc: Bella Ostrovsky, Treasurer

¹ These expenditures were reflected in the external activity report filed on November 4, 2024.