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Charles T. Hinds, Treasurer  
Cambridge Citizens Coalition IE PAC  
207 Charles Street #1  
Cambridge, MA 02141

Re: CPF-25-101

Dear Mr. Hinds:

This office has completed its review of a complaint we received concerning the Cambridge Citizens Coalition Independent Expenditure Political Action Committee (the "Committee"). Specifically, the complaint alleged that the Committee failed to file independent expenditure reports to disclose its activity that supported the election of eleven Cambridge candidates. As a result of this review, we have concluded that the Committee did not comply with M.G.L. c. 55, the Massachusetts campaign finance law.

Section 18A requires independent expenditure political action committees to file reports within seven business days of utilizing the goods or services for which an expenditure was made, or if utilized after the tenth day but more than 24 hours before the election day, the report must be filed within 24 hours of utilization. The mailer, which arrived in some residents' mailboxes on September 22, 2025, supported seven candidates for city council and four candidates for school committee. Since Cambridge City Council candidates file their disclosure reports with OCPF, an independent expenditure report was required to be e-filed with OCPF by October 1, 2025, to disclose the expenditures supporting the seven city council candidates. Additionally, as Cambridge School Committee candidates file their disclosure reports with the Cambridge Elections Commission, a separate disclosure report, the CPF M 18A, was required to be filed with that office by October 1, 2025 to disclose the expenditures made to support the four school committee candidates.

OCPF's review found that the Committee paid Connolly Printing approximately \$10,378 for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> mailer that supported the eleven Cambridge candidates. Once contacted by OCPF, the Committee e-filed an independent expenditure report on October 6, 2025 to disclose the expenditure for the mailer that supported the Cambridge City Council candidates. The Committee's 2025 year-end report has also been amended to disclose the independent expenditures made to support the school committee candidates. Additionally, on January 29, 2026, the Committee filed the CPF M 18A report with the Cambridge Elections Commission.

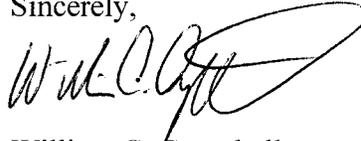


The Committee's delay in filing required reports frustrated the public's interest in accurate and timely disclosure of campaign finance activity. The campaign finance law requires political committees to file timely and accurate campaign finance reports. OCPF is committed to providing guidance to committees in meeting their reporting requirements. However, ultimately the responsibility for filing timely reports lies with the political committees.

Based upon our review, we have determined that the failure to file timely and accurate campaign finance reports did not comply with the campaign finance law. To resolve this matter, the Committee has filed all the appropriate disclosure reports. Additionally, the Committee has also made a payment to the Commonwealth, in the amount of \$1,000. Because appropriate remedial actions have taken place and OCPF anticipates that the guidance provided as a result of this review will ensure future compliance with the campaign finance law, no further action is warranted at this time.

In accordance with a ruling by the Supervisor of Public Records, this letter and all related correspondence is a matter of public record. As such, it will be placed in the Committee's public file. If you have any questions regarding this or any other campaign finance matter, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Campbell", written in a cursive style.

William C. Campbell  
Director

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cc: Cambridge Election Commission