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May 14, 2025

Khrystian King King Committee 9 Victoria Avenue Worcester, MA 01607

Re: CPF-24-14

Dear Mr. King:

This office has completed its analysis of the King Committee's (the "Committee's") campaign finance reports for the period June 2023 through March 2025. As a result of this review, we have concluded that the Committee did not comply with multiple provisions of M.G.L. c. 55, the Massachusetts campaign finance law.

The most significant issue found was the failure to file deposit reports within the required time periods. Between August 2023 and March 2025, approximately \$38,100 was deposited into the Committee's bank account. However, approximately \$37,900 in contributor information was not filed in a timely manner. The Committee should be aware that, under the campaign finance law, the failure to file deposit reports in a timely manner in the future will subject you personally to penalties of \$25 per day, up to \$5,000 for each report.

During the review, OCPF determined that the Committee received contributions in excess of allowable limits. The late filing of the required deposit reports discussed above exacerbated the issue of receiving excess contributions. Although the amounts were small, the legislature set clear limits on the receipt of contributions. Had reports been prepared and filed in a timely manner, the aggregate limits would have been clearer to the Committee and the excess contributions could have been avoided. As of this writing, the Committee has \$390 in excess contributions that you agreed to purge to the Commonwealth. The payment should be made forthwith to conclude this issue.

OCPF previously notified the Committee, during the normal course of audit, of its obligation to clarify expenditures totaling approximately \$32,000 that occurred through the campaign account between September 2023 and February 2025. During the course of review, the Committee clarified its bank reports to provide the expenditure information. However, such activity also took place after the required deadlines.



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The campaign finance law requires 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 candidates and committees. The delay in filing required reports frustrates the public's interest in accurate and timely disclosure of campaign finance activity during the relevant periods.

OCPF anticipates that the guidance provided during the course of this review will result in future compliance with the campaign finance law. The failure to file timely reports could result in OCPF initiating legal proceedings to prevent your name from appearing on a state or local ballot in Massachusetts and referral to the Attorney General. See M.G.L. c. 55, § 3.

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.

William C. Campbell

Director

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cc: Kunon Taylor, Treasurer

King Committee