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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio  
Democratic Executive Committee  
Butler County  
P.O. Box 701  
Hamilton, Ohio 45012

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to 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, 2010. The Committee is responsible for complying with these requirements. We followed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards for agreed-upon procedures engagements 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 2010. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2010 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2010. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form with one exception. The Party did not record a receipt from the State Tax Commissioner for \$928.57. The Party corrected this by adjusting the beginning balance on the Post-General report for \$328.57 which is the net amount of this unrecorded receipt and an unrecorded disbursement discussed in disbursements step 3. The \$328.75 is the difference between the ending balance on the Pre-General Report and the beginning balance on the Post-General report.
4. We scanned the Committee's 2010 bank statements and noted they reflected four quarterly payments received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A). The Deposit Forms 31-CC reported the sum of these four payments with the exception of the one deposit noted in cash receipts step 3 above.
5. We scanned other recorded 2010 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.

6. Ohio Rev. Code, 3517.1012, requires the Party to file Forms 31-CC electronically with the Secretary of State when the Committee receives gifts from corporations or labor organizations. We viewed Forms 31-CC submitted for 2010 on the Secretary of State's website.

### **Cash Reconciliation**

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2010 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, 2010. The balances agreed.
3. We agreed reconciling items appearing on the reconciliation to canceled checks, deposit slips. We determined that the dates and amounts on those documents support that those items were proper reconciling items and were recorded in the proper amount on the reconciliation as of December 31, 2010. No reconciling items noted.

### **Cash Disbursements**

1. We footed each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* Ohio Rev. Code, Section 3517.18 and 3517.1012 requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), filed for 2010. We noted no computational errors.
2. Per Ohio Rev. Code, 3517.13(X)(1), we scanned Disbursement Form 31-M filed for 2010 and inquired of management whether they transferred any cash from the restricted fund to any other political party account into which contributions may be made or from which contributions or expenditures may be made. We found no evidence of prohibited transfers.
3. We compared the amounts on checks or other disbursements reflected in 2010 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2010. We noted one disbursement in the amount of \$600 for August/September rent that was listed on the bank statement and party cash ledger that was not included on Forms 31-M. See the Correcting entry in cash receipts step no. 3.
4. For each disbursement on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2010, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee's name on canceled checks. The payees and amounts recorded on Disbursement Forms 31-M agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks and invoices. The Party did not provide supporting documentation (e.g., invoice) for one disbursement in the amount of \$500. However, the party did provide the cancelled check, which indicated the payment was a reimbursement to the Director for four seats to the annual Ohio Democratic Party dinner.
5. We scanned the payee for each 2010 disbursement for evidence that it might represent a contribution or campaign-related disbursement, both of which Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(2)(b) prohibit. We found no evidence that any restricted fund disbursements represented contributions or campaign-related disbursements.
6. We compared the signature on 2010 checks to the list dated December 31, 2009 of authorized signatories the Committee provided to us. The signatory on all checks we selected was an approved signatory. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check without exception.

7. We scanned each 2010 restricted fund disbursement recorded on Form 31-M for evidence that it represented a transfer from the restricted fund to any other state or county political party, which Ohio Rev. Code, 3517(X)(4), prohibits. We found no evidence of any transfers.
8. We compared the purpose of each disbursement listed on 2010 Disbursement Forms 31-M to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 permits. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice violated the restrictions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 except for the lack of an invoice as noted in cash disbursements step 3 above.
9. Ohio Rev. Code, 3517.1012, requires the Party to file Forms 31-M electronically with the Secretary of State when the Committee receives gifts from corporations or labor organizations. We viewed Forms 31-M submitted for 2010 on the Secretary of State's website.

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 2010, 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 else.



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Auditor of State

April 4, 2011

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**BUTLER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**BUTLER 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  
MAY 12, 2011**