



Summary of Final Board Determination

Cordell Cleare

Candidate, EC2017, City Council District 9

Program participant: \$60,906 public funds received

Rahima Lee, Treasurer of Cordell Cleare 2017

The Board determined that the Campaign substantially complied with the Campaign Finance Act and Board rules, and assessed violations and penalties as detailed below.

1. Filing a late disclosure statement \$250

Campaigns are required to file complete and timely disclosure statements on scheduled dates. *See* N.Y.C. Charter § 1052(a)(8); Admin. Code §§ 3-703(6), (12), 3-708(8); Board Rules 1-09, 3-02.

The Campaign filed Disclosure Statement 16 thirty-four days after the January 16 deadline. Filing a disclosure statement more than 30 days after the deadline is considered a failure to file.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$250 for this violation.

2. Failing to report/ late reporting of transactions in daily pre-election disclosure statements \$300

All aggregate contributions and/or loans from a single source in excess of \$1,000, and all aggregate expenditures to a single vendor in excess of \$20,000, received or made within 14 days of an election, must be disclosed to the Board within 24 hours. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(6), (12), 3-708(8); Board Rules 1-08(b), 1-09, 3-02(e).

The Campaign made eight expenditures totaling \$45,224 to Connective Strategies within 14 days of the election. The Campaign untimely disclosed three of those expenditures and failed to disclose the other five.

The Board assessed total penalties of \$300 for these violations.

3. Filing a late response to the Initial Documentation Request and the Draft Audit Report \$1,200

Campaigns are required to maintain records, such as copies of checks, invoices, and bank records, to verify financial transactions reported in disclosure statements, and campaigns are required to provide such records to the Board upon request and to respond to specific questions regarding compliance with the Act and Board rules. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(1)(d), (g), (6), (11), (12), 3-708(5), 3-710(1); Board Rules 1-09(a), 4-01, 4-05(a).

The Campaign requested and received three extensions to respond and submitted its Initial Documentation Request response 141 days past the extended deadline. The Campaign requested and received three extensions to respond and submitted its Draft Audit Report response 18 days past the extended deadline.



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The Board assessed total penalties of \$1,200 for these violations.