



Summary of Final Board Determination

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Candidate, 2017, City Council District 37
Program participant: \$0 in public funds received

1. Accepting over-the-limit contributions \$250

Campaigns are prohibited from accepting contributions in excess of the applicable contribution limit. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), 3-703(1)(f), (11), 3-719(2); Board Rules 1-04(c)(1), (h), 1-07(c). In addition, campaigns may not accept contributions in excess of the “doing business” contribution limits from individuals or entities that have business dealings with the City: \$250 (for candidates for City Council). *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), (18), (20), 3-703 (1-a), (1-b), 3-719(2); Board Rules 1-04(c)(1), (h).

The Campaign accepted two over-the-limit doing business contributions, but did not refund the contributions within the 20 day deadline. The Board assessed penalties of \$250 for these violations.

2. Accepting contributions from corporations, limited liability companies, or partnerships \$375

Campaigns may not accept a campaign contribution (monetary or in-kind) from any corporation, limited liability company (LLC), or partnership. *See* N.Y.C. Charter § 1052(a)(13); Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), 3-703(1)(l), 3-719(2)(b); Board Rules 1-04(c)(1), (e), (g), 1-05.

The Campaign accepted three contributions from two entities listed on the New York State Department of State’s website or another state’s database as corporations, partnerships, and/or LLCs. After notification from the CFB, the Campaign refunded the contributions on April 5, 2016, 113 days after the December 14, 2015 contribution refund deadlines. The Board assessed a penalties of \$375 for these violations.

3. Accepting a contribution from an unregistered political committee \$250

Campaigns may not accept a contribution from a political committee unless the political committee is registered with the CFB or registers with the CFB within 10 days of receipt of the contribution. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(11), 3-703(1)(k), 3-707, 3-719(2)(b); Board Rules 1-04(c)(1), (d), (g), 1-05.

On July 9, 2015, the Campaign accepted a \$1,000 contribution from an unregistered political committee. After notification from the CFB, the Campaign refunded the contribution on April 5, 2016, 113 days after the December 14, 2015 contribution refund deadline. The Board assessed a penalty of \$250 for this violation.