

Ethics Commission

December 4, 2023

Mr. John Thickstun
Committee Supporting the Recall of Jennifer Campbell
7825 Fay Avenue, Suite 200
La Jolla, CA 92037

SENT VIA-EMAIL

Re: Committee Supporting the Recall of Jennifer Campbell (ID # 1435647)

Dear Mr. Thickstun:

The Ethics Commission audit of the above-referenced committee is now concluded, and the Final Audit Report is enclosed. This report was delivered to the Ethics Commission at its regularly-scheduled meeting held on November 30, 2023. The Commission observed that the findings reflected in the Audit Report indicate that the committee substantially complied with local campaign laws. As a result, the Commission voted to accept the report.

Sincerely,

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Rosalba Gomez
Audit Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Denise Lewis, Treasurer
5445 Madison Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95841

FINAL AUDIT REPORT

November 14, 2023

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Treasurer: Denise Lewis
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SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION **AUDIT REPORT:** *Committee Supporting the Recall of Jennifer Campbell*

I. Introduction

This Audit Report contains information pertaining to the audit of the committee, Committee Supporting the Recall of Jennifer Campbell, Identification Number 1435647 (“the Committee”) for the period from January 8, 2021, through August 31, 2022. The Committee was selected for audit by a designee of the City Clerk in a random drawing conducted at a public meeting of the Ethics Commission held on September 9, 2021. The audit was conducted to determine whether the Committee materially complied with the requirements and prohibitions imposed by the City of San Diego’s Election Campaign Control Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article 7, Division 29).

During the period covered by the audit, the Committee reported total contributions of \$63,120.26 and total expenditures of \$63,120.26. **The audit revealed no material findings. The committee substantially complied with the disclosure and record-keeping provisions of the San Diego Election Campaign Control Ordinance.**

II. Committee Information

On January 20, 2021, the Committee filed a Statement of Organization with the San Diego City Clerk indicating that it qualified as a committee. The Committee was formed to support a petition to recall Councilmember Jennifer Campbell.¹ On October 12, 2022, the Committee filed a Statement of Termination indicating that its filing obligations were completed on August 31,

¹ The petition to recall Councilmember Jennifer Campbell did not contain sufficient signatures to qualify for a special election ballot.

2022. The Committee's treasurer was Denise Lewis of River City Business Services.

III. Audit Authority

The Commission is mandated by San Diego Municipal Code section 26.0414 to audit campaign statements and other relevant documents to determine whether campaign committees comply with applicable requirements and prohibitions imposed by local law.

IV. Audit Scope and Procedures

This audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The audit involved a thorough review of the Committee's records for the time period covered by the audit. This review was conducted to determine:

1. Compliance with all disclosure requirements, pertaining to contributions, expenditures, accrued expenditures, and loans, including itemization when required;
2. Compliance with applicable filing deadlines;
3. Compliance with restrictions on contributions, loans and expenditures;
4. Accuracy of total reported receipts, disbursements and cash balances as compared to bank records; and
5. Compliance with all record-keeping requirements.

V. Conclusion

Through the examination of the Committee's records and campaign disclosure statements, the Auditor verified that the Committee timely disclosed all contributions received and all expenditures made, and that the Committee maintained the necessary documentation regarding contributions and expenditures. **As a result, the Auditor determined that there were no material findings. The Committee substantially complied with the disclosure and record-keeping provisions of the San Diego Election Campaign Control Ordinance.**

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Rosalba Gomez
Audit Program Manager

Date

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Sharon Spivak
Executive Director

Date