The City of SAN DIEGO

Ethics Commission

September 11, 2026

Councilmember Stephen Whitburn
Whitburn for City Council 2024
202 C Street, 10th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

SENT VIA-EMAIL

Re: Whitburn for City Council 2024 (ID # 1457488)

Dear Councilmember Whitburn:

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 September 10, 2026. 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. Stephanie Sanchez, Treasurer
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FINAL AUDIT REPORT

August 18, 2026

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SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION
AUDIT REPORT:
Whitburn for City Council 2024

I. Introduction

This Audit Report contains information pertaining to the audit of the committee, Whitburn for City Council 2024, Identification Number 1457488 ("the Committee") for the period from January 6, 2023, through December 31, 2025. 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 11, 2025. 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 $202,842.87 (inclusive of $178.87 in non-monetary contributions) and total expenditures of $243,434.10. Total cash contributions relative to total expenditures resulted in a $40,770.10 differential that was reconciled by the Committee's beginning cash balance. **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 27, 2023, 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 the election of Stephen Whitburn for Council District 3 in the March 5, 2024, primary election and November 5, 2024, general election. On February 4, 2026, the Committee filed a Statement of

Termination indicating that its filing obligations were completed on December 31, 2025. The Committee's treasurer was Stephanie D. Sanchez of Politica Campaign Treasury LLC.

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 Date
Audit Program Manager

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Bryn Kirvin Date
Executive Director