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John Ferrari, Treasurer
Hopkinton Republican Town Committee
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Re: CPF 19-69

Dear Mr. Ferrari:

This office has completed its review of a complaint we received alleging that the Hopkinton Republican Town Committee (the "Committee") failed to disclose campaign finance activity undertaken since 2014.

Local party committees with activity in excess of \$100 must disclose financial activity by completing and filing accurate and timely campaign finance reports. See M.G.L. c. 55, § 18. Reports must be filed by January 20 each year if sufficient finance activity has occurred. In addition, during election years, if sufficient financial activity has occurred, the report must be filed eight days preceding a primary, and eight days preceding an election.

The Committee did not file reports when due for 2015, 2016, 2017, or 2018. You filed the required reports on July 3, 2019, which disclosed, in total during the period 2015 through 2018, receipts in excess of \$4,000 and expenditures in excess of \$3,400.

In addition to requiring accurate and timely disclosure, the campaign finance law also requires committees to keep records of all contributions received and expenditures made. M.G.L. c. 55, §§ 2 and 5. These records were not kept by the Committee. OCPF, however, obtained records of the Committee's financial activity from the Committee's bank to assist the Committee in preparing accurate reports.

Based on our review of the Committee's financial records, OCPF has concluded that the Committee's reports for the period 2015-2018 failed to disclose at least 17 contributions in excess of \$50, totaling more than \$1,800, and at least 5 expenditures in excess of \$50, totaling nearly \$3,300.

The Committee has now filed reports that reflect, as accurately as possible, the Committee's activity for the period 2015-2018. Because the appropriate remedial action has been taken, and because we believe the guidance provided during the course of this review will

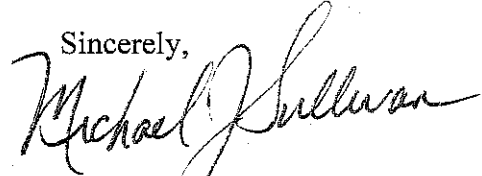


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ensure future compliance with the campaign finance law, OCPF has determined that no further action is warranted and this matter may be closed at this time.

In accordance with the opinion of the Supervisor of Public Records, this letter is a matter of public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Michael J. Sullivan
Director

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