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Ivette Hernandez
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Re: CPF-19-48

Dear Ms. Hernandez:

This office has completed its review of financial activity undertaken by the Hernandez Committee (the "Committee") during 2018. The Committee supported the candidacy of Ivette Hernandez for State Representative in the 10th Hampden District.

The comprehensive review was undertaken because the Committee did not respond to several letters and phone calls from this office. Based on the findings of the review, which included an analysis of bank records and a reconciliation of campaign finance reports to the Committee's bank statements, we have concluded that the Committee's reported activity did not comply with Section 18 of M.G.L. c. 55. Section 18 requires complete and accurate disclosure of all contributions, expenditures, and liabilities.

OCPF's review determined that the Committee's campaign finance reports did not accurately disclose receipts and expenditures for the referenced time period. Specifically, the Committee did not disclose nine expenditures totaling \$1,767 that cleared the campaign account. Additionally, the Committee did not report a \$150 contribution from an individual.

To resolve this matter, the Committee has amended its campaign finance reports to accurately reflect its activity during 2018. The Committee has also dissolved by purging its remaining funds, \$893 to the Commonwealth.

OCPF has determined that this matter may be closed at this time since the remedial action has occurred. Should you decide to seek elected office in the future, we believe that the guidance provided during the course of this review will ensure future compliance with the campaign finance law.



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In accordance with an opinion from the Supervisor of Public Records, this letter is a public record. If you have any questions regarding this matter or on any issues of future compliance with the campaign finance law, please contact the office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael J. Sullivan
Director

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cc: Emma Balboni, Treasurer
Hernandez Committee