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Daniel Knapik
Knapik Committee
43 East Silver Street
Westfield, MA 01085

Re: CPF 15-68

Dear Mr. Knapik:

This office has completed its review of a complaint we received alleging that the Knapik Committee (the "Committee") failed to disclose, on behalf of your candidacy for Mayor of Westfield in 2013, expenditures for two billboard advertisements. The billboards appeared in Westfield prior to the November 5, 2013 election.

The Committee's 2013 campaign finance reports did not disclose expenditures or liabilities for the billboard advertisements. It was not until September 2015, while responding to a separate, unrelated audit request from OCPF, that the committee also disclosed, on its amended 2013 Pre-Election Report, a payment made for advertising to Lamar Outdoor Advertising on September 1, 2013 for \$4,505.

The campaign finance law requires accurate and timely disclosure of receipts, expenditures, and liabilities incurred. Based upon our review, we have determined that the Committee did not comply with M.G.L. c. 55, §18, by failing to disclose the \$4,505 payment for the billboard advertisements. You should be aware that timely, accurate disclosure is the cornerstone of the campaign finance law. However, because disclosure has now been achieved, and since we believe that the guidance provided in this letter will ensure future compliance with M.G.L. c. 55, OCPF has determined that no further action is required and this matter may be closed at this time.

In accordance with the opinion of the Supervisor of Public Records this letter is a public record. If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other campaign finance matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Sullivan
Director

cc: Joseph Knapik
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