

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN & POLITICAL FINANCE

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August 5, 2019

Todd Beauchemin, Treasurer Marlborough Republican City Committee 29 Fontaine Street Marlborough, MA 01752

Re:

CPF-19-32

Dear Mr. Beauchemin:

This office has completed its review of the campaign finance activity of the Marlborough Republican City Committee ("MRCC"). The review was initiated by OCPF as a result of a \$7,156 negative ending balance on its 2018 year-end report filed with this office. Based on our review, which included an analysis of bank records, we have concluded that the MRCC's original disclosure did not comply with M.G.L. c. 55, the Massachusetts campaign finance law.

Local party committees must disclose financial activity by completing and filing accurate and timely campaign finance reports. See M.G.L. c. 55, § 18. Based upon our review, OCPF has determined that the MRCC significantly under-reported both expenditures and receipts.

Upon notification by OCPF of this issue, the committee undertook a comprehensive review of committee records and amended the MRCC's campaign finance reports from 2013-2018 to more accurately reflect the committee's activity. In addition, the MRCC agrees to create its 2019 year-end report in draft form by January 10, 2020 and provide it to OCPF with the committee's 2019 bank statements for OCPF's review before filing. To ensure accurate and complete disclosure, the committee also agrees to provide OCPF with copies of bank statements with each of its reports filed in 2020.

While the MRCC's initial campaign finance reports were not complete and accurate, the amended reports now appear to fully disclose the committee's financial activity during the referenced period. Because the appropriate remedial action has been taken, and because we believe this letter will 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.

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In accordance with the opinion of the Supervisor of Public Records, this letter is a public record. Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Sullivan

Director

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cc: Paul Ferro, Marlborough Republican City Committee, Chairman