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February 8, 2016

Charles Yancey  
Yancey Committee  
3 Hooper Street  
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Re: CPF 15-87

Dear Mr. Yancey:

This office has completed its review of credit card expenditures made by the Yancey Committee (the "Committee") during the 2015 election year. The most significant issue raised regarding these expenditures was the lack of accurate and timely disclosure by the Committee.

Throughout 2015, the Committee made monthly payments from its depository bank to its credit card provider, American Express. The total amount of these payments for the year was approximately \$19,800.

The Committee did not respond in a timely manner to OCPF's numerous requests to address campaign finance disclosure issues. Detailed credit card reports, required for accurate and timely disclosure, were not filed to disclose the actual campaign expenditures that were made using the credit card until November 25, 2015 and January 27, 2016.

A political committee organized on behalf of a depository candidate, that maintains and uses a credit card in accordance with M.G.L. c. 55, § 9, must file reports disclosing all campaign finance activity using the card. For depository candidates, the reports must be filed "on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month covering the entire statement period of the most recent credit card statement received prior to the date of filing." See 970 CMR 2.09(3)(h)(1).

Based upon our review, we have determined that the Committee did not comply with the campaign finance law, M.G.L. c. 55, by failing to file timely reports of credit card expenditures.

Although the credit card reports were filed late, this matter may be closed at this time because your committee has now taken the appropriate corrective action and filed the required disclosure reports with OCPF. We are certain that our review and guidance will ensure future compliance with the campaign finance law.



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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Sullivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Michael J. Sullivan  
Director

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cc: James Williams, Treasurer,  
Yancey Committee