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Quincy-based company makes \$250,000 civil forfeiture to settle contribution issues

A Quincy-based company, Boston Property Ventures LLC, made a \$250,000 payment to the state's general fund to resolve an examination into prohibited contributions to 11 candidates, according to a disposition agreement between OCPF and the company.

OCPF initiated a review of contributions made by Boston Property Ventures employees from 2017 to 2020, due to a pattern of giving that suggested that contributions may have been made to avoid the disclosure of the true source of funds. During the course of its review, including an analysis of bank records, OCPF learned that the company reimbursed employees for campaign contributions totaling at least \$57,500, according to the agreement.

The campaign finance law prohibits disguising the true source of campaign contributions, and also prohibits contributions from an LLC to a candidate. OCPF concluded that the company violated both sections of the campaign finance law.

According to the disposition agreement, the company, through its employees, contributed to the following candidates from 2017 until 2020:

Thomas Koch, Quincy Mayor, \$15,500
Brad Croall, Quincy City Council, \$13,000
Charles Baker, Governor, \$10,000
Karyn Polito, Lieutenant Governor, \$5,500
Brian Palmucci, Quincy City Council, \$5,000
Jerry McDermott, Norfolk County Sheriff, \$3,000
*Kirsten Hughes, former Quincy City Council, \$1,500
Noel DiBona, Quincy City Council \$1,000
Michael Flaherty, Boston City Council, \$1,000
Edward Flynn, Boston City Council, \$1,000
Margaret Laforest, former Quincy City Council, \$1,000

The candidate committees will purge \$57,500 to the state's general fund — the total amount of prohibited funds contributed by the company. In total, the state will receive \$307,500 as the result of the disposition agreement.

The agreement, [available here](#), was signed by Michael Sullivan, OCPF's director pro tem, and Vincent DeMore, legal representative for Boston Property Ventures. In the agreement, the company agreed to provide an affidavit to OCPF each year through 2024 attesting to the fact that no funds were provided to any person for the purposes of making campaign contributions.

A disposition agreement is a voluntary written agreement entered into between the subject of a review and OCPF, in which the subject agrees to take certain specific actions.

**Hughes, since her account is closed with OCPF, will make her payment to the Commonwealth out of her personal funds.*