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OCPF, State Rep. Heroux resolve campaign finance issues

The Office of Campaign and Political Finance entered into a disposition agreement with State Rep. Paul Heroux of Attleboro to resolve issues concerning disclosure, prohibited contributions, recordkeeping and personal use of campaign funds in 2015 and 2016.

To resolve the matter, Heroux agreed to pay a civil disposition totaling \$2,500. The candidate has made a personal payment of \$1,435 to the state's general fund, and has repaid his committee \$1,065* for the personal use of campaign funds.

The disposition agreement was the result of OCPF's review of the Heroux Committee's bank records and campaign finance reports for 2015 and 2016, as well as a review of the candidate's personal bank records. Heroux initiated the review in 2017 when he asked for OCPF's assistance with a balance discrepancy that existed between the committee's bank balance and the reported balance on campaign finance reports.

OCPF's review identified the following issues:

- The committee did not disclose \$2,737 in contributions that were deposited into the campaign account.
- The committee did not disclose \$3,766 in expenditures, \$1,725 of which were transfers to Heroux's personal bank account.
- There were expenditures totaling approximately \$900, in which campaign funds were used for personal expenditures, and subsequent transfers were made from the candidate's personal account to the committee's account to reimburse the campaign.
- Prohibited business contributions were deposited into the committee account, totaling \$235.
- The committee's 2016 year-end report disclosed an ending balance of \$16,808. The actual bank balance was \$13,780.

As part of the disposition agreement, the candidate and committee agreed to an enhanced reporting schedule for 2018 and 2019 – two additional paper reports in 2018, and two additional paper reports in 2019. Paper reports are filed in addition to the regular reports that are e-filed. The candidate and committee agreed to provide OCPF with copies of its bank statements, expenditure checks, deposit tickets and contributor checks with each report through 2019.

The Heroux Committee has filed amended campaign finance reports to accurately reflect its activity during 2015 and 2016.

The disposition agreement was signed by OCPF Director Michael J. Sullivan and Heroux.

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. [Click here](#) for the disposition agreement between OCPF and Heroux.

**This figure was determined by subtracting the total amount the committee transferred to Heroux from the total amount he had loaned to the committee.*