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## OCPF resolves independent expenditure disclosure issue in Boston mayoral election

**BOSTON** – Two entities – an independent expenditure PAC (IEPAC) and a non-profit organization – agreed to make a \$30,000 payment to the state’s general fund to resolve issues involving independent expenditures during the 2013 Boston mayoral election, according to a disposition agreement between OCPF and the organizations.

The issues addressed in the agreement involved transfers of \$400,000 and \$100,000 in October, 2013, from the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) to a non-profit organization called One New Jersey. One New Jersey then transferred \$500,000 on Oct. 23 to the One Boston Independent Expenditure PAC (One Boston), a political committee organized with OCPF. One New Jersey was not organized as an IEPAC with OCPF.

A day later, on Oct. 24, \$480,000 was transferred from One Boston to a media company for an ad buy to support Boston mayoral candidate Martin Walsh.

On Jan. 7, 2014, One Boston filed a disclosure report disclosing a single contribution of \$500,000 from One New Jersey and all relevant expenditures.

Because One New Jersey requested and received money from the AFT for the purpose of influencing the Boston mayoral race, One New Jersey was acting as a political committee but did not organize as a political committee with OCPF, as required.

In addition, One Boston violated the campaign finance law by accepting and disclosing a contribution from One New Jersey that it knew originated with the AFT. State law prohibits disguising the true source of contributions.

To resolve the matter, One New Jersey agreed to organize with OCPF as an independent expenditure PAC and file a report disclosing the contribution it received from the AFT and the expenditure it made to One Boston. One Boston has filed all required reports.

The disposition agreement was signed by representatives of One Boston and One New Jersey, and OCPF Director Michael J. Sullivan.

Disposition agreements are voluntary written agreements entered into between the subject of a review and OCPF, in which the subject agrees to take certain specific actions. Disposition agreements are posted at OCPF's website, [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us).

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