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## **OCPF, White Committee sign disposition agreement**

The Office of Campaign and Political Finance announced today that it has entered into a disposition agreement with the Committee to Elect Donna M. White of Everett for violations of the campaign finance law relating to the 1999 Everett city election.

In the agreement, White, who ran successfully for School Committee, acknowledged various improprieties regarding campaign finance disclosure, including failing to keep records of receipts and expenditures, file the required reports on time, segregate campaign finance activity and properly organize her committee.

White raised approximately \$3,250 at two fundraisers in October and November 1999, but did not maintain records of the names and addresses of contributors and the individual amounts given. White did not have records for about \$2,445 in cash that was received at the events, and could only estimate the total amount received on her campaign finance reports.

White also filed all three of the required campaign finance reports after their due dates. The pre-preliminary election report was filed on Sept. 30, which was 23 days after the Sept. 7 due date. The pre-election report (due Oct. 25) and year-end report (due Jan. 20, 2000) were both filed on April 4, 2000, after OCPF initiated its review, and were late by 162 days and 75 days, respectively.

In addition, the campaign represented itself to the public as a committee even though it had in fact not filed the required organization form with the city clerk.

As part of the agreement, White agreed to pay \$1,000 to the Commonwealth and also not to seek repayment of \$3,517.24 that she reported in outstanding personal loans to the Committee.

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She also agreed to provide OCPF with copies of any future campaign finance reports that she is required to file through 2001, even if she runs at the local level.

OCPF agreed not to refer the Committee or White to the Attorney General for further action. White signed the agreement along with her husband, Frederick, who is the committee's treasurer.

"It is imperative that all candidates, including those at the local level, keep accurate records that will enable them to disclose their campaign finance activity in a timely and accurate manner," said OCPF Director Michael J. Sullivan. "A state, county or local candidate cannot simply stop filing reports during an election cycle."

A copy of the agreement and the Committee's reports are available at OCPF's office in Room 411, One Ashburton Place, Boston.

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