

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Complaint by Stacy G. Piccirillo,
East Haven

File No. 2010-017

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Complainant filed this complaint with the Commission pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b, alleging that East Haven Republican Town Committee (hereinafter "EHRTC") Treasurer Ann-Louise DeSorbo failed to file a campaign finance disclosure statement for the EHRTC that was due January 10, 2010 in violation of General Statutes § 9-608.

After an investigation of the matter, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. Complainant, East Haven Town Clerk Stacy G. Piccirillo, brought this complaint alleging on February 18, 2010, that Ann-Louise DeSorbo failed to file the EHRTC January 10, 2010, campaign finance statement as required by General Statutes § 9-608 (a) (1) (A). Complainant forwarded this complaint informing the Commission that Respondent was in violation of General Statutes § 9-608 pursuant to her obligations under § 9-623 (b) (3).
2. By way of background, Ms. Piccirillo mailed to Ms. DeSorbo written demands for the late EHRTC late filing, as detailed in paragraph 1 above, on February 4, 2010 and February 17, 2010. These demands were issued by Complainant as East Haven Town Clerk as required by General Statutes § 9-623 (b) (3), and forwarded by Complainant to the Commission along with this complaint that was received on February 18, 2010.
3. Upon investigation, it was determined that Respondent filed a January 10, 2010 EHRTC campaign finance statement with the Commission that was postmarked January 9, 2010 and received by the Commission January 15, 2010. Therefore, the Respondent timely filed the *original* EHRTC January 10, 2010 quarterly filing with the Commission as required by § 9-608 (a) (1) (b). Furthermore, the Commission notes that Respondent ultimately filed a *copy* of the EHRTC January 10, 2010 campaign finance statement on February 18, 2010 when it was received by the East Haven Town Clerk's office.

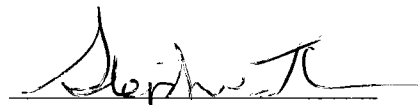
4. The Commission finds that pursuant to General Statutes § 9-608 (a) (1) (B), Ann-Louise DeSorbo was required at the time to file with the East Haven Town Clerk the EHRTC January quarterly filing on or before January 10, 2010. The Commission further finds that because the EHRTC January 2010 quarterly filing, as discussed in paragraph 5 above, was not received by the East Haven Town Clerk until February 18, 2010, Ms. DeSorbo failed to meet the requirements of General Statutes § 9-608 (a) (1) (B) as they existed at that time.
5. The Commission notes that pursuant to General Statutes § 9-603 (a), as amended by P.A. 11-48 , town committees as of the June 13, 2011 effective date of the aforementioned public act, as it pertains to town committee filings, are no longer required to file copies of financial statements with their local town clerk. Therefore, Respondent could not repeat the error which is the subject of this complaint and discussed herein as it pertains to the EHRTC's quarterly filings.
6. In light of the facts and circumstances of this complaint and investigation, the Commission declines to take further action pertaining to EHRTC and its treasurer Ann-Louise DeSorbo based on her late filing of the EHRTC January 10, 2011 quarterly campaign finance disclosure statement.
7. Finally, the Commission commends the Complainant as East Haven Town Clerk for her diligence in administering the duties and responsibilities of her office.

ORDER

The following Order is recommended on the basis of the aforementioned findings:

That no further action will be taken.

Adopted this 21st day of September 2011 at Hartford, Connecticut



Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman
By Order of the Commission