

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**

*In re. Audit of Dru Georgiadis 2016*

File No. 2017-089A

**AGREEMENT CONTAINING A CONSENT ORDER**

This Agreement by and between Dru Georgiadis, Town of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, and the undersigned authorized representative of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, is entered into in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-177 (c) and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 9-7b-54. In accordance herewith, the parties agree that:

1. The Commission performed an in-depth review of the bank records and other financial documents of the *Dru Georgiadis 2016* candidate committee after the committee's selection in the random audit lottery conducted following the 2016 election cycle. Based on the findings in that audit, the Commission referred this matter to the enforcement unit for additional investigation.
2. The Commission performed an in-depth review of the expenditures of the *Dru Georgiadis 2016* candidate committee after the committee's selection in the random audit lottery conducted following the 2016 election cycle. Dru Georgiadis established the committee in 2016 to support her nomination for election as a candidate in the 132<sup>th</sup> General Assembly district.<sup>1</sup> She named Eric Newman as the treasurer of the committee.<sup>2</sup> The committee opted to participate in the Citizens' Elections Program.<sup>3</sup> The Commission approved a grant from the Citizens Election Fund totaling \$19,705, which was received by the committee on July 8, 2016.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See SEEC Form 1 – Registration of Candidate Committee (*Dru Georgiadis 2016*, Jan. 6, 2016) (reflecting establishment of candidate committee by Dru Georgiadis and appointment of Eric S. Newman as treasurer).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See SEEC Form CEP 10 – Affidavit of Intent to Abide by Expenditure Limits and Other Citizens' Election Program Requirements (*Dru Georgiadis 2016*, Feb. 8, 2016) (reflecting intent of candidate and treasurer to participate in Citizens' Election Program and follow voluntary program rules).

<sup>4</sup> See SEEC Form 30 – Itemized Campaign Finance Disclosure Statement: October 10 Report (*Dru Georgiadis 2016*, Oct. 11, 2016) (reporting grant received from Citizens' Election Fund on July 8, 2016).

3. The 2016 General Election occurred on Nov. 8, 2016. The candidate committee held a post-election party on or about December 24, 2016 at the “Patterson Club” for a total cost of \$390.<sup>5</sup>
4. The General Assembly added subparagraph (F) to General Statutes § 9-608 (e) (1) in 2011.<sup>6</sup> That subparagraph codified the limitation on post-election parties and went into effect on January 1, 2012. Qualified candidate committees must hold these parties within 14 days of the election, which would have been no later than November 22 in 2016.
5. The candidate bears the sole liability to repay any impermissible payments made by her candidate committee and has acknowledged that the party was held outside the deadlines in the statute.<sup>7</sup>
6. Respondent admits all jurisdictional facts and agrees that this Agreement and Order shall have the same force and effect as a final decision and Order entered into after a full hearing and shall become final when adopted by the Commission.
7. Respondent waives:
  - a) Any further procedural steps;
  - b) The requirement that the Commission's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated; and
  - c) All rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Order entered into pursuant to this Agreement.
8. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement will be submitted to the Commission for consideration at its next meeting and, if the Commission does not accept it, it is withdrawn and may not be used as an admission by the Respondent in any subsequent hearing, if the same becomes necessary.

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<sup>5</sup> See SEEC Form 30 – Itemized Campaign Finance Disclosure Statement: January 10 Report (*Dru Georgiadis 2016*, January 10, 2017) (reporting payment to candidate of \$390 for reimbursement for “Patterson Club volunteer thank you lunch”).

<sup>6</sup> See Public Act 11-48, Sec. 290.

<sup>7</sup> General Statutes § 9-703 (a) (2) (requiring candidate to repay any funds that were not expended in accordance with General Statutes § 9-607 (g) and regulations adopted by Commission related to expenditures for qualified candidate committees).

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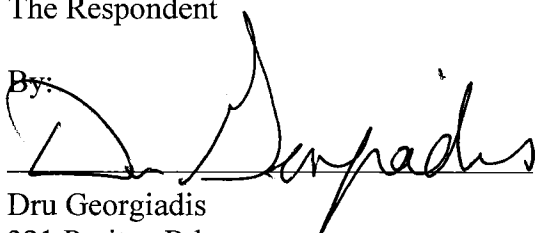
**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Respondent Dru Georgiadis shall reimburse the Citizens' Election Fund a total of \$390, which is the amount that her candidate committee paid to her for a post-election party for campaign workers after the statutory 14-day deadline for such gatherings had passed.


The Respondent

For the State of Connecticut

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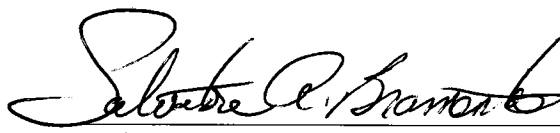
Dated:

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Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 at Hartford, Connecticut by vote of the Commission.

  
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~~Anthony J. Castagno, Chairman~~  
By Order of the Commission  
Salvatore A. Bramante Co Chair