

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Complaint by Marcus Paca, New Haven,
In the Matter of a Complaint by Justin Elicker, New Haven,
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File No. 2017-062C
File No. 2019-030B
File No. 2019-110B

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Complainants filed these instant complaints with the Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 9-7b. The Complaint in 2017-062 alleged that various respondents connected with the Harp 2017 mayoral campaign engaged in voter intimidation. The Complainant in 2017-062 further alleged campaign finance violations against Respondent Toni Harp for her 2017 mayoral campaign. The Complainant in 2019-030 and 2019-110 alleged campaign finance violations against Respondent Toni Harp.¹² The following are the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. Respondent Toni Harp was a candidate for Mayor of New Haven during the 2017 and 2019 election cycle.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondents Enrico Melita, Thomas Reyes, Shelia Carmon, Andrea Scott, John Rose were either volunteers or paid campaign workers for Harp 2017.
3. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent Shannel Evans was the Democratic Registrar of Voters for the City of New Haven.
4. At all times Relevant hereto, Respondent Eli Markam was private citizen.
5. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent Tysha Walker was President of the Board of Alders for the City of New Haven.
6. Complainant Paca made various allegations against the Respondents noted herein. Most of the allegations, including, for example, larceny, were for conduct beyond the jurisdiction of the Commission.

¹ Allegations concerning the conduct Jonathan Wilson and Respondent Priscilla Knox in the above referenced complaints have been address in separate documents.

² Any allegations within the complaints not addressed herein or in related final decisions of the Commission, either did not allege facts that, even if true, would amount to a violation within the Commission's jurisdiction, were directly related to other violations that were directly addressed herein, or did not represent a seriousness of misconduct of the level addressed herein.

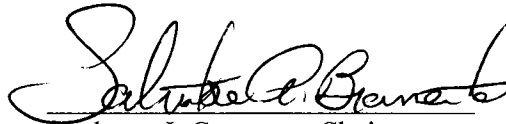
7. However, Complainant Paca did allege that numerous Respondents connected with the Harp 2017 campaign engaged in voter intimidation.
8. General Statutes § 9-364 provides that “Any person who, with intent to disenfranchise any elector, influences or attempts to influence by force or threat, bribery or corrupt, fraudulent or deliberately deceitful means any elector to stay away from any election shall be guilty of a class D felony.”
9. The investigation into this matter did not reveal evidence sufficient to find that any Respondent engaged in illegal voter intimidation.
10. Complainant in matters 2019-030 and 2019-110 further named Respondent Harp when making allegations concerning the campaign finance compliance of Harp 2019.
11. As detailed in the final decision of the Commission in matters 2017-062A, 2019-030A, and 2019-110A, it is the treasurer, Respondent Jonathan Wilson, the bears the liability for these violations.
12. Accordingly, it is the determination of the Commission that all allegations concerning Respondents Toni Harp, Enrico Melita, Thomas Reyes, Shelia Carmon, Andrea Scott, John Rose, Shannel Evans, Eli Markam, and Tysha Walker should be dismissed.

ORDER

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

That the allegations concerning Respondents Toni Harp, Enrico Melita, Thomas Reyes, Shelia Carmon, Andrea Scott, John Rose, Shannel Evans, Eli Markam, and Tysha Walker in matters 2017-062, 2019-030, and 2019-110 be dismissed.

Adopted this 4th day of November, 201~~9~~²⁰ at Hartford, Connecticut.



Anthony J. Castagno, Chairperson

By Order of the Commission

Salvatore Bramante, Vice Chair