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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
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April 1, 2026

Patrick E Thomsen  
*Aram Ayalon for State Representative*  
44 Brittany Farms Rd  
New Britain, CT 06053

Re: Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER)

Dear Treasurer Patrick:

Congratulations! The post-election review of your 2024 committee is now concluded. Please find enclosed a copy of the Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER), which has been adopted by the Commission.

The Statutory mandated post-election review ensures that public & donated funds were properly handled. The PER also enables the agency to better prepare both staff and committees for future election cycles; it helps us to develop meaningful and effective training materials; and it provides us with ideas and proposals to more effectively administer the Citizens' Election Program. Thank you for your help in all of these matters.

We appreciate your time and assistance in providing us the needed information to conduct this comprehensive review. Having qualified, diligent treasurers and candidates helps make Connecticut's campaign finance system one of the best in the nation.

If you have any questions or concerns about the report or the process, feel free to contact your elections officer at (860) 256 2985 or via e-mail at [public.finance@ct.gov](mailto:public.finance@ct.gov).

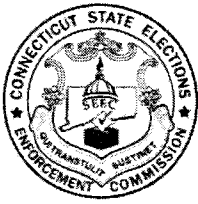
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salman Munir", written over a horizontal line.

Salman Munir  
Director of Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit

Enclosure

cc: Aram Ayalon, 194 Stratford Rd, New Britain, CT 06053  
Michal Ayalon, 194 Stratford Rd, New Britain, CT 06053



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**Final Summary of Post-Election Review**  
**“Aram Ayalon for State Representative”**  
**March 19, 2024 – December 18, 2024**

Congratulations! The post-election review of your 2024 committee is complete. This Final Summary addresses our findings regarding your candidate committee. The Commission will take no further action with respect to these findings.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting to review any part of this Final Summary, please do not hesitate to contact an elections officer at (860) 256-2985 or via e-mail at [public.finance@ct.gov](mailto:public.finance@ct.gov).

### **Scope and Process**

Pursuant to a random lottery, your district was chosen for post-election review. By analyzing committees' documentation and records, Commission staff is able to identify common problems, discern areas of confusion, improve our training and outreach materials, and recommend legislative changes, if applicable.

Each committee is reviewed to determine that that campaign receipts were spent to promote the campaign of the candidate who established the committee. Contributions to participating candidates were reviewed at the time of the grant application and unless otherwise specified, any findings regarding receipts by the committee reflect information gathered then.

### **Results**

A draft post-election review report with some missing items was sent to the committee on November 18, 2025, and the committee provided most of the requested information and these issue have been resolved.

# EXHIBIT A

## Committee Overview

### Candidate Committee Information

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Aram Ayalon for State Representative</b>
<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Aram Ayalon</b>
<b>Treasurer Name</b>	<b>Patrick E Thomsen</b>
<b>Office Sought</b>	<b>State Representative</b>
<b>District</b>	<b>H-026</b>
<b>Party</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
<b>Date of Registration</b>	<b>March 19, 2024</b>
<b>Date of Termination</b>	<b>December 18, 2024</b>
<b>Ballot Status</b>	<b>General Election (November 5, 2024)</b>

### Summary of Financial Activity

<b>Total Contributions Raised</b>	<b>\$6,393.00</b>
<b>Personal Funds of Candidate</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Citizens' Election Fund Grant Amount</b>	<b>\$35,790.48</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$42,183.50</b>
<b>Surplus Funds (Returned to Citizens' Election Fund)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

### Summary of Qualifying Contributions

At application, each contribution was reviewed in order to determine if it met the two-part threshold for a qualifying contribution. This committee raised a total of \$0.00 and 000 contributions. Of this amount, at least \$5,800 and 150 were determined to meet the thresholds for qualifying for a CEP grant.

## EXHIBIT B

### Transactions Requiring Supporting Documentation and/or Explanation

#### Exhibit B1

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Pudlin and Pudlin LLC	8/13/2024	\$9,470.25	Check 113	Missing copy of mailers. Please provide copies of all mailers.
	8/5/2024	\$6,610.00	Check 109	

*Committee Response:* Committee initially provided all the invoices with copies of cancelled checks. For missing mailers committees state that they asked Pudlin and Pudlin for a copy of the mailers and they sadly did not have any left over after the campaign.”

*Commission Recommendation:* The Commission advises the Committee to maintain contemporaneous documentation of each expenditure.

#### Exhibit B2

Name of Payee/Creditor	Invoice detail	Amount	Description
New Way Strategies	Digital ads for “Aram Ayalon for State Representative”	\$4,500.00	Payment for digital ads but proof of ads/ media reports not provided.

*Committee Response:* Committee responded as “We reached out to New Way Strategies and haven't gotten a response yet for copies of digital ads.”

*Commission Recommendation:* The Commission advises the Committee to maintain and provide contemporaneous documentation of each expenditure.

#### Exhibit B3

Name of Payee/Creditor	Invoice # detail	Amount	Description
Pudlin and Pudlin LLC	Mailers and Consulting (monthly)	\$9,470.25	Contract not provided for multiple services and also missing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secondary payee information.</li><li>• Price list for mailers.</li><li>• Budget detail.</li></ul>
	Paid Field, Organizer, and T-Shirts.	\$7,220.25	
	Walkcards, Mailers, and Lawn Signs.	\$6,610.00	
		\$6,500.00	

	Full Time, Part Time, and Eday Staff. Hourly Field	\$1,923.75	
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*Committee response:* Committee initially provided all the invoices & prior approvals. Price list and budget details were not provided. With draft response committee provided missing contract with Pudlin and Pudlin LLC. “As policy of Pudlin and Pudlin they do not give out secondary payee information for publicly available filings.”

*Commission Recommendation:* Written pre-approval for campaign services provide important protection for treasurers and must be utilized. Treasurers who fail to reduce their agreements to writing, with adequate detail of the work to be provided and how much it is to be charged, risk personal liability for amounts ultimately charged that may or may not have been approved by them. In the future, make certain that you maintain records reflecting what exactly you agreed to pay for and the amount you agreed to pay.

You must also maintain copies of invoices which adequately reflect the amount of work that was performed. You should determine if a campaign service provider is subcontracting on behalf of the committee and, if so, disclose accordingly. For example, the name of companies from which newspaper advertisements were purchased must be provided, along with the amounts paid to those providers by the campaign service providers subcontracting work out to them.

We note that more than 89% of the grant was spent with one vendor. Please be aware that the agency will be issuing regulations in the near future to address campaign general contractors and we welcome your input as we develop guidelines for such vendors.

This post-election review is successfully concluded. We thank the committee for its responsiveness during this process.