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Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit
55 Farmington Ave, 8th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105-3730

November 19, 2025

Joshua Hershman
Rob for CT
780 W Lake Ave
Guilford, CT 06437

Re: Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER)

Dear Mr. Hershman:

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.

Sincerely,

Salman Munir
Director of Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit

Enclosure

cc: Robert S Blanchard, 1401 Kings Hwy # 418A, Fairfield, CT 06824
Nathan M Wilson, 211 Woodberry Hill Dr, Southington, CT 06489



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Final Summary of Post-Election Review

“Rob for CT”

January 5, 2024 – December 27, 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.

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 audit report with some missing items was sent to the committee on June 24, 2025. The committee provided most of the requested information, and these issues have been resolved.

EXHIBIT A

Committee Overview

Candidate Committee Information

Committee Name	Rob for CT
Candidate Name	Robert S Blanchard
Treasurer Name	Joshua Hershman
Office Sought	State Senator
District	S-28
Party	Democrat
Date of Registration	January 5, 2024
Date of Termination	December 27, 2024
Ballot Status	General Election (November 5, 2024)

Summary of Financial Activity

Total Contributions Raised	\$17,999.24
Personal Funds of Candidate	\$0.00
Citizens' Election Fund Grant Amount	\$124,130.00
Expenditures	\$140,245.20
Surplus Funds (Returned to Citizens' Election Fund)	\$1,154.80

Summary of Qualifying Contributions

At application, each contribution was reviewed in order to determine if it met the two-part threshold for qualifying contribution. This committee raised a total of \$17,999.24 and 405 contributions. Of this amount, at least \$17,300 and 300 were determined to meet the thresholds for qualifying for a CEP grant.

EXHIBIT B

Transactions Requiring Supporting Documentation and/or Explanation

Exhibit B2

Name of Payee/Creditor	Invoice # and detail	Amount	Description
Threshold Group Inc.	# 3036		Committee provided the invoices but missing the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary payee information.
	Palm Cards & Mail Piece #1	\$23,039.72	
	#3134		
	Mail Piece #5	\$9,266.23	
	#3178		
	Job RB4S24006M	\$5,857.85	
	#2924		
	Palm Cards, Postcards & Rally Signs	\$3,497.12	
	#3096		
	Mail Piece #4	\$1,924.10	
#2828			
Palm Cards – Job RB4S24001PC	\$1,685.00		
#2789			
Website Splash page production	\$1,500.00		

Committee Response: Committee provided the missing contract and missing quantity for INV # 2828 secondary payee information was still not provided.

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 38% 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.

Exhibit B3

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Christopher Frey	12/26/2024	\$1,000.00	Check 6558	Contract not provided for services.
Scale to Win	09/05/2024 10/30/2024 10/03/2024 11/07/2024	\$796.49 \$704.82 \$588.12 \$300.22	Debit Card Debit Card Debit Card Debit Card	Contract not provided for services.

Committee Response: Committee initially provided all the invoices for both vendors. Contracts were not provided.

Commission Recommendation: Written agreements for campaign services provide important protection for treasurers and must be utilized. 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 documentation such as invoices which adequately reflect the amount of work that was performed.

Exhibit B4

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Robert Blanchard	10/17/2024	\$1,169.20	Check 145	Please provide the individual receipt for reimbursement to Robert Blanchard

Committee Response: Committee provided few missing invoices. Invoice for Robert Blanchard payment is still missing.

Commission Recommendation: The Commission advises the Committee to maintain contemporaneous documentation of each expenditure. This post-election review is successfully concluded. We thank the committee for its responsiveness during this process.