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

December 3, 2025

Michael A Stebe
Aundre 2024
85 Hollister St
Manchester, CT 06042

Re: Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER)

Dear Treasurer Michael:

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.

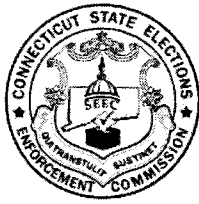
If you have any questions or concerns about the report or the process, feel free to contact your elections officer at (860) 256 2985 or via e-mail at public.finance@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Salman Munir
Director of Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit

Enclosure

cc: Aundre P Bumgardner, 162 Daniel Brown Dr, Mystic, CT 06355



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Final Summary of Post-Election Review

"Aundre 2024"

January 8, 2024 – January 7, 2025

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 post-election review report with some missing items was sent to the committee on October 15, 2025. The committee provided most of the requested information, and these issues have been resolved.

EXHIBIT A

Committee Overview

Candidate Committee Information

Committee Name	Aundre 2024
Candidate Name	Aundre P Bumgardner
Treasurer Name	Michael A Stebe
Office Sought	State Representative
District	H-041
Party	Democrat
Date of Registration	January 8, 2024
Date of Termination	January 7, 2025
Ballot Status	General Election (November 5, 2024)

Summary of Financial Activity

Total Contributions Raised	\$7,700.00
Personal Funds of Candidate	\$0.00
Citizens' Election Fund Grant Amount	\$10,950.00
Expenditures	\$16,750.00
Surplus Funds (Returned to Citizens' Election Fund)	\$0.00

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 \$7,700.00 and 179 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 B2

Name of Payee/Creditor	Invoice # detail	Amount	Description
Blue Edge Strategies	# 7665		Contract and invoices were provided but missing the following elements: • Price list for mailers • Budget detail
	Mailer 1 (6x11): Intro	\$3,378.18	
	Postage	\$1,492.26	
	# 7972		
	Mailer 3 (6x11)	\$2,350.54	
	Postage	\$1,092.16	
	# 7817		
	Mailer 2 (6x11)	\$1,514.70	
	Postage	\$431.91	
	# 7549		
	Door Hanger	\$1,850.00	

Committee response: Committee initially provided the contract, all the invoices & secondary payee information. Committee also responded as, “The campaign in consultation with candidate and the consulting team for Blue Edge Strategies determined mailers at three for the campaign plus walk cards. Mailers were divided and priced based on strategic needs of the campaign, mailing universe, size of mailer, and funds available. This was discussed among all parties and remained fluid during campaigns.”

Commission Recommendation: Written pre-approval for campaign services provide important protections 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 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 almost 110% 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.