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

January 7, 2026

Diana Reyes
Lopes 2024
216 Joy Ln Fl 2
New Britain, CT 06053

Re: Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER)

Dear Treasurer Diana:

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: Rick Lopes, 208 S Mountain Dr, New Britain, CT 06052
Chris Anderson, 38 Forest St, New Britain, CT 06052



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Final Summary of Post-Election Review

“Lopes 2024”

December 20, 2023 – January 24, 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 December 4, 2025, and the committee provided most of the requested information.

EXHIBIT A

Committee Overview

Candidate Committee Information

Committee Name	Lopes 2024
Candidate Name	Rick Lopes
Treasurer Name	Diana Reyes
Office Sought	State Senator
District	S-06
Party	Democrat
Date of Registration	December 20, 2023
Date of Termination	January 24, 2025
Ballot Status	General Election (November 5, 2024)

Summary of Financial Activity

Total Contributions Raised	\$18,200.00
Personal Funds of Candidate	\$0.00
Citizens' Election Fund Grant Amount	\$124,100.00
Expenditures	\$141,224.31
Surplus Funds (Returned to Citizens' Election Fund)	\$175.69

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 \$18,200.00 and 468 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
Greg Gerratana/ HRA ad.	11/07/2024	\$3,429.00	Check 126	Reimbursement was made for the payment to HRS ad but invoice from HRA was not provided.

Committee Response: Committee initially provided the statement with the list of expenditures and the payment receipt. No further information provided.

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

Exhibit B2

Name of Payee/Creditor	Invoice # detail	Amount	Description
Nutmeg Strategies	Invoice #1446	\$42,048.60	Contract, secondary payee information and Invoices were provided but missing the following information: - Price list for mailers - Budget details
	AB Mailing	\$29,500.00	
	Letter, Ballot, #10, #9	\$2,500.00	
	Design, print, mail, postage and delivery	\$1,440.00	
	Qty: 2575		
	Invoice #1438		
	Lopes Intro		
	Design, print, mail, postage and delivery		
	Qty:28,286		
	Lopes 2024 Digital Video Placement and buy		
468,000 impressions est.			
Lopes 2024 Photography and Video Production			
Lopes 2024 Field Operation			
Week ending Oct 4 th			
Invoice #1456	\$16,858.88		
Lopes Voting Options	\$1,440.00		
Design, print, mail, postage and delivery	\$1,377.23		
Qty: 17,302	\$1,329.38		
Lopes 2024 Field Operation			

	<p>Week ending Oct 11th Invoice #1455 Lawn signs 100 Coro w/stands 5000 postcards 4.25x5.5 Lopes polling change mailing Qty: 427</p> <p>Invoice #1494 Lopes/Turco GOTV Design, print, mail, postage and delivery Qty:694 50% share</p> <p>Invoice #1489 Lopes/Sanchez GOTV Design, print, mail, postage and delivery Qty:6129 50% share</p> <p>Invoice #1492 Lopes/DeFronzo GOTV Design, print, mail, postage and delivery Qty:5685 50% share</p> <p>Invoice #1490 Lopes/Manny GOTV Design, print, mail, postage and delivery Qty:6123 50% share</p> <p>Invoice #1418 Walkcard</p> <p>Invoice #1423 T-Shirts Qty:24 USA Made/Union Printed T-Shirts Printed Front and Back</p> <p>Invoice #1382 Local event planning and logistical support including on the ground event support team on 5/13/24, 5/20/24, 6/20/24, 6/29/24</p> <p>Invoice #1382</p>	<p>\$8,756.59</p> <p>\$6,221.48</p> <p>\$930.56</p> <p>\$5,000.00</p> <p>\$1,575.00</p> <p>\$2,392.88</p>	
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	Spanish and Polish newspaper ads Invoice #1517 GOTV Walkcards Designs and Print Qty:3500 GOTV Walkcards Turco Ver. Design and Print Qty:1500 Invoice # 1496 Lopes 2024 Field Operation Week ending Oct. 18 th Invoice # 1369 Spanish and Polish newspaper ads	 \$1,786.68 \$1,440.00 \$611.51	
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Committee response: Committee initially provided the contract and all the invoices, prior approvals and secondary payee information. Price list and budget details were 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 103% 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.