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

March 4, 2026

Paul Davis
Friends of James Maroney
335 Smith Farm Rd
Orange, CT 06477

Re: Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER)

Dear Treasurer Paul:

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,

Krysta Palozie

Krysta Palozie
Associate Accounts Examiner

Enclosure

cc: James J Maroney, 22 Saranac Rd, Milford, CT 06461

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Final Summary of Post-Election Review

"Friends of James Maroney"

January 18, 2024 – June 15, 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 January 7, 2026, and the committee provided most of the requested information.

EXHIBIT A

Committee Overview

Candidate Committee Information

Committee Name	Friends of James Maroney
Candidate Name	James J Maroney
Treasurer Name	Paul Davis
Office Sought	State Senator
District	S-14
Party	Democrat
Date of Registration	January 18, 2024
Date of Termination	June 15, 2025
Ballot Status	General Election (November 5, 2024)

Summary of Financial Activity

Total Contributions Raised	$20,178.00
Personal Funds of Candidate	$0.00
Citizens' Election Fund Grant Amount	$124,100.00
Expenditures	$135,701.88
Surplus Funds (Returned to Citizens' Election Fund)	$5,698.12

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 $20,178 and 429 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 B1

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Upswing Research & Strategy	09/18/2024	$8,450.00	Check 124	Vendor provided services. Any service provided requires a contract signed by both parties prior to the start date of work. Please provide the contract.

Committee Response: Committee initially provided the invoice and copy of the cancelled check. Committee also stated that no specific written and signed contract exists to my knowledge. The invoice and signed check provide confirmation of agreed upon conditions."

Commission Recommendation: Written agreements for campaign services provide important protections 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	Invoice # detail	Amount	Description
The Perkey Group, LLC	# 1658 Maroney Social Ads Maroney Display Ads Maroney Streaming Ads Maroney OTT Maroney Creative Production # 1735 GOTV Digital Programming	 $8,141.00 $6,710.00 $8,947.00 $10,065.00 $4,000.00 $5,000.00	Contract is required for any services provided. Please provide the contract signed by both parties prior to start of work
Bergmann Zwerdling Direct	# 9380 JMaroney 24G-03 10.5x17 2F Bridging JMaroney 24G-03 10.5x17 2F Bridging Postage JMaroney 24G-03 10.5x17 2F Bridging Shipping/Delivery # 9174 JMaroney 24G-01 8.5x11 Bipartisan JMaroney 24G-01 8.5x11 2F Bipartisan Postage	 $8,100.00 $4,800.00 $300.00 $7,200.00 $5,400.00	Payment for mailer but missing the following elements: • Contract • Secondary payee information • Price list for mailers • Budget details

	JMaroney 24G-01 8.5x11 2F Bipartisan Shipping/Delivery # 9268	$300.00	
	JMaroney 24G-02 6x11 2F Protecting	$6,900.00	
	JMaroney 24G-02 6x11 2F Protecting Postage	$4,800.00	
	JMaroney 24G-02 6x11 2F Protecting Shipping/Delivery # 9550	$300.00	
	JMaroney 24G-04 6x11 2F Future	$6,900.00	
	JMaroney 24G-04 6x11 2F Future Postage	$4,800.00	
	JMaroney 24G-04 6x11 2F Future Shipping/Delivery # 9667	$300.00	
	JMaroney 24G-05 6x11 2F Pocket	$6,900.00	
	JMaroney 24G-05 6x11 2F Pocket Postage	$4,800.00	
	JMaroney 24G-05 6x11 2F Pocket Shipping/Delivery # 9770	$300.00	
	JMaroney 24G-06 6x11 2F Keep	$6,900.00	
	JMaroney 24G-06 6x11 2F Keep Postage	$4,800.00	
	JMaroney 24G-06 6x11 2F Keep Shipping/Delivery # 8991	$300.00	
	Reprint 1 JMaroney 22C-02 18x24 Yard Sign # 9122	$1,874.91	
	JMaroney 24W-02 4.25x11 Walk 2 # 8750	$1,853.96	
	Copywriting, creative design, production, management, and delivery # 9739	$1,476.50	
	Reprint 1 JMaroney 24W-02 4.25x11 2F Walk 2	$600.00	

Committee response: Committee provided the missing contract for Bergmann Zwerdling Direct. For Perkey Group committee stated that No specific written and signed contract exists to my knowledge. The invoice and signed check provide confirmation of agreed upon conditions.

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 107% 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.