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

January 7, 2026

Michael R Paine
Mike Schultz for Simsbury
72 Holcomb St
Simsbury, CT 06070

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.

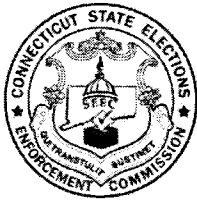
If you have any questions or concerns about the report or the process, feel free to contact your elections officer at (860) 256 2985 or via e-mail at public.finance@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Salman Munir
Director of Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit

Enclosure

cc: Michael O Schultz, 10 Old Meadow Way, Weatogue, CT 06089
Anthony M Wright, 9 Shady Ln, West Simsbury, CT 06092



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Final Summary of Post-Election Review

“Mike Schultz for Simsbury”

May 8, 2024 – July 6, 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 audit report with some missing items was sent to the committee on August 5, 2025. The committee provided some of the requested information, and these issues have been resolved.

EXHIBIT A

Committee Overview

Candidate Committee Information

Committee Name	Mike Schultz for Simsbury
Candidate Name	Michael O Schultz
Treasurer Name	Michael R Paine
Office Sought	State Representative
District	H-016
Party	Republican
Date of Registration	May 8, 2024
Date of Termination	July 6, 2025
Ballot Status	General Election (November 5, 2024)

Summary of Financial Activity

Total Contributions Raised	\$6,735.00
Personal Funds of Candidate	\$0.00
Citizens' Election Fund Grant Amount	\$36,745.00
Expenditures	\$38,900.15
Surplus Funds (Returned to Citizens' Election Fund)	\$3,399.85

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 \$6,735.00 and 191 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
UPS Store #1347	07/16/2024	\$542.39	Check 1001	Missing receipt for payment to UPS Store.

Committee Response: Committee provided most of the missing receipts/invoices.

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

Exhibit B4

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Hearst Connecticut Media Group	10/16/2024	\$4,900.00	EFT	Please provide a contract signed by both parties prior to the beginning of work
Republican Ads	10/21/2024 10/28/2024	\$1,800.00 \$1,700.00	EFT EFT	Please provide a contract signed by both parties prior to the beginning of work
Winning Republican Strategies	11/04/2024 11/06/2024 11/07/2024	\$1,101.38 \$611.60 \$500.00	EFT EFT EFT	Please provide a contract signed by both parties prior to the beginning of work. Invoice provided.

Committee Response: Committee was unable to provide missing contracts. Committee provided all the invoices and copies of cancelled checks.

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.