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

August 20, 2025

Lisa Kelly
Cohen for Senate
1898 Jennifers Dr
Guilford, CT 06437

Re: Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER)

Dear Treasurer Lisa;

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: Christine H Cohen, 45 Cherry St, Guilford, CT 06437
P Martha Carlson, 33 Horseshoe Rd, Guilford, CT 06437

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Final Summary of Post-Election Review

"Cohen for Senate"

December 26, 2023 – June 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 audit report with some missing items was sent to the committee on August 4, 2025. Committee provided most of the required documentation and these issues have been resolved. For issue reflected in Exhibit B1, committee provided an email regarding Garnet McLaughlin wage payments. The Commission advises the committee to reflect compensation details in wage agreements in the future.

EXHIBIT A

Committee Overview

Candidate Committee Information

Committee Name	Cohen for Senate
Candidate Name	Christine H Cohen
Treasurer Name	Lisa Kelly
Office Sought	State Senator
District	S-12
Party	Democrat
Date of Registration	December 26, 2023
Date of Termination	June 7, 2025
Ballot Status	General Election (November 5, 2024)

Summary of Financial Activity

Total Contributions Raised	$18,685.00
Personal Funds of Candidate	$0.00
Citizens' Election Fund Grant Amount	$124,100.00
Expenditures	$139,283.30
Surplus Funds (Returned to Citizens' Election Fund)	$2,116.70

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 $18,685.00 and 341 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
Garnet McLaughlin	11/02/2024 10/25/2024 09/28/2024 10/13/2024	$2,782.00 $2,086.60 $1,391.21 $1,391.21	Check 1029 Check 1028 Check 1014 Check 1022	We received a wage agreement signed by both parties, but the compensation agreed upon was not stated in the contract. Please explain why the wage was not stated in the contract before the start of work.