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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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WEDNESDAY
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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Elections convened in Room 280 North at 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. at 10:30 a.m., Deborah K. Nichols, Chairperson, presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

DEBORAH K. NICHOLS, Chairperson
DEVARIESTE CURRY, Member
STEPHEN I. DANZANSKY, Member

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Director, Office of Campaign Finance
CLIFFORD D. TATUM, Executive Director
KENNETH J. McGHIE, General Counsel

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10:34 a.m.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Good morning.

Welcome. I will call to order the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Elections. It is Wednesday, June 4, 2014. The time is 10:35 a.m. We are meeting in Room 280 North of One Judiciary Square.

I am Deborah K. Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Elections. Present with me this morning are members Stephen Danzansky and Devarieste Curry. Also present, Mr. Clifford Tatum, the Board's Executive Director. And Cecily Collier-Montgomery, the Board's Director of Campaign Finance. And Mr. Kenneth McGhie, the Board's General Counsel.

Without objection, the agenda for today's meeting is adopted.

This morning we will be adopting minutes of our regular meeting of April 23, 2014 and May 7, 2014. The transcript of our April meeting was not available for review before our

1 May 2014 meeting due to the short time between
2 April 23rd and May 7th meeting which was a
3 scheduled change in order to permit certification
4 of final election results.

5 That is without objection unless there
6 are corrections to the minutes for April and May
7 2014. Are there any? Hearing none, those
8 minutes are adopted.

9 Are there any Board matters which
10 members wish to raise in this public meeting?
11 Hearing none, we will move to the General
12 Counsel's Report from Mr. Kenneth McGhie.

13 MR. MCGHIE: Okay. The first matter
14 on my agenda is an initiative, Proper Subject
15 Matter Determination. That initiative was
16 submitted with the title of "No Worker Shall Make
17 Less Than the Minimum Wage Act of 2014."

18 Before I continue, can I ask that the
19 proposer of that measure and their counsel, if
20 any, come to the table.

21 As I stated earlier, this is for a
22 proper subject matter determination. The

1 District of Columbia and the Home Rule Act states
2 that pretty much citizens can have initiative on
3 almost any matter with few exceptions and those
4 exceptions would be whether the people would be
5 prohibited from putting forth an initiative that
6 would appropriate funds or that would violate the
7 U.S. constitution, or that would negate or limit
8 a budget act.

9 There are a few other, I guess,
10 administrative prohibitions that would prevent an
11 initiative from going further like whether or not
12 you properly filed your statement of organization
13 with the Office of Campaign Finance. That would
14 be another reason for the Board to decide this is
15 not a proper subject for an initiative to go
16 forward.

17 So, with that said, could I just have
18 the parties identify themselves for the record.

19 MR. BERKON: I'm Jonathan Berkon,
20 counsel at Perkins Cole.

21 MS. ROTH: Stephanie Roth, Proposer.

22 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. Counselor,

1 has the proponent met the statutory
2 administrative requirements?

3 MR. McGHIE: Yes, the proposer of the
4 initiative has properly filed their statement of
5 organization at the Office of Campaign Finance so
6 they have met the administrative filing
7 requirements.

8 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right.

9 MEMBER CURRY: All right. Are there
10 any opponents to this measurement who wish to
11 come forward and place any comments on the
12 record? All right. Hearing none, do the
13 proponents wish to make any comments on the
14 record regarding this proposed initiative?

15 MR. BERKON: Yeah. I think just one
16 which is that our request -- obviously
17 recognizing that these things take time. Our
18 request would be that there is some form of
19 expedited process so that we are able to get our
20 petitions out as soon as possible in order to
21 meet the deadline.

22 Obviously, as the Board knows, there

1 is sort of a pending deadline to get all the
2 signatures in so we can go through that process
3 and make sure that it gets on the ballot for the
4 November election.

5 Looking at the calendar, realistically
6 I think we will be able to have petitions that
7 are able to be distributed by the 23rd of this
8 month. That will hopefully provide sufficient
9 time in order to do that. And recognizing that
10 the Board has certain statutory periods it needs
11 to recognize, that is our request to the extent
12 the Board is able to oblige it.

13 CHAIR NICHOLS: Do members have any
14 questions of the proponent?

15 MEMBER DANZANSKY: No, only this and
16 it has nothing to do with proper subject matter
17 so it's probably out of order, Madam Chair. You
18 can gavel me out of order.

19 Some of this obviously with the
20 numbers and figures is a little bit confusing and
21 I have two initiatives going at the same time. I
22 notice the Perkins Cole firm commented on this

1 initiative so there's friendly relations.

2 I don't know any of the discussions
3 that are going on but for the voter to have to go
4 through both of these and understand both seems
5 to me a burden that may not be necessary if
6 there's a way to simplify this. That's just an
7 overall comment and I'm probably out of order.

8 MR. BERKON: We absolutely appreciate
9 that.

10 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay.

11 MEMBER CURRY: I actually want to
12 follow up on Mr. Danzansky because I was going to
13 phrase mine not just as a question -- I mean a
14 comment. Tell me what are the differences and
15 why is this necessary following the other
16 initiatives?

17 MR. BERKON: I think there really are
18 two substantive differences between the proposals
19 as they are currently written. The primary
20 difference is the difference in the minimum wage
21 by 2021. Under our proposal there would be 100
22 percent parody between the minimum wage for

1 employees who receive gratuities and for
2 employees who not receive gratuities.

3 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Ultimately

4 MR. BERKON: Ultimately by 2021, both
5 initiatives taking incremental steps to get
6 there. Under the other proposal by 2021
7 individuals who receive gratuities the minimum
8 wage for them is 70 percent of what the minimum
9 wage is for others. That is the principal
10 difference between the two proposals as drafted.

11 The other difference, which is a
12 smaller one, is that the minimum wage for
13 employees the number is the same for both but
14 under both proposals there is an alternative
15 where it is either the number or a certain amount
16 above the federal minimum wage.

17 Under our proposal the amount above
18 the federal minimum wage is a dollar. Under the
19 other proposal it's two dollars. So there are
20 some slight differences but I think it's fair to
21 say that, you know, the two sides are
22 communicating.

1 MEMBER CURRY: The two sides are
2 communicating but following up again on Mr.
3 Danzansky's expressed concern, I have to tell you
4 they are confusing and we would like voters to be
5 educated.

6 Is there a means -- I mean, do you
7 have any concerns about voters being confused
8 about this? Do you think, well, okay, we're just
9 going to put a bootstrap on this and say vote for
10 one or vote for both of them and we'll be
11 covered?

12 MR. BERKON: I think that -- I mean,
13 you know, there are differences between the two
14 and I think certainly if both made their way to
15 the ballot there would be ways to educate voters
16 about them.

17 But, you know, I think that is why we
18 are going through this process now and having the
19 opportunity to make sure that both meet the
20 proper standards. Then obviously the next day
21 getting enough signatures for both of them. I
22 don't think we're at the point yet where both are

1 on the ballot. I think that's why those
2 discussions continue.

3 MEMBER DANZANSKY: There very
4 obviously will be, particularly with the Seattle
5 situation, a lot more public interest and
6 discussion about this and just clarity would
7 be --

8 MR. BERKON: We understand and
9 definitely agree with that.

10 MEMBER DANZANSKY: We have sort of the
11 last remaining buffer between the ballot and the
12 proposal. We just want to be sure that everybody
13 gets it.

14 CHAIR NICHOLS: So -- and this is not
15 -- this is more an observation. So Fair Minimum
16 Wage filed their initiative certainly in time to
17 get their petitions and go out.

18 Now, you have filed yours and you want
19 us to expedite a process to enable you to meet a
20 deadline. I'm not sure we can short-circuit our
21 process in order to accomplish that. What is the
22 basis other than the time limit that you will be

1 up against? I guess there is a time limit.

2 MR. BERKON: Yeah. And to be
3 clear --

4 CHAIR NICHOLS: What took you so long
5 to get to the point where you filed the
6 initiative I guess is my question.

7 MR. BERKON: You know, I think these
8 processes, the drafting process, is going to take
9 time figuring out where there is support for
10 these different proposals. It will take some
11 time. To be clear, we are not asking that any
12 statutory requirement be waived or circumvented
13 at all.

14 I mean, as we understand it, the
15 statutory requirement is that there is a 10-day
16 period in which challengers have the opportunity
17 to basically file an objection and that the steps
18 that are required before that is for the short
19 statement entitled "To be Adopted" and for it to
20 be then crafted by the Board for it to be adopted
21 by the Board at a public meeting with notice to
22 the community.

1 As we read it, the short of minimum --
2 I mean, we found one instance, I think, in 2006
3 with video lottery terminals in which the short
4 statement was actually adopted at the same
5 meeting in which the proper subject matter issue
6 was determined. Once that process --

7 CHAIR NICHOLS: But that didn't make
8 it to the ballot, did it? What was the basis for
9 that? How did they accomplish that according to
10 your reading of the orders? How did they
11 accomplish doing the short-title summary
12 statement and the proper subject all in the same
13 meeting?

14 MR. BERKON: I will refer to Mr.
15 McGhie.

16 CHAIR NICHOLS: We would like to know
17 because maybe that is --

18 MR. MCGHIE: When the proposers filed
19 their additional request for the initiatives,
20 they put in a request that the matters be
21 consolidated so the Board took that up at the
22 initial filing.

1 The Board when they put the notice in
2 the Register -- usually we put the notice in the
3 Register so that people can comment on when it's
4 a proper subject.

5 There was probably two notices in the
6 Register that we were going to have a meeting for
7 proper subject and, if it's determined to be a
8 proper subject, we are going to move straight to
9 the organization of the Short Title and Summary
10 Statement. That request was made at the time of
11 the initial filing.

12 CHAIR NICHOLS: I see. Okay. I'm
13 trying to figure out what process permitted that
14 to occur all at one time. At the initial filing
15 if you had also requested that we do proper
16 subject plus Short Title and Summary Statement,
17 you probably could cut down on some of the time.

18 I just see personally June 23rd is not
19 realistic. I don't want you to have that
20 expectation that we are going to be able to meet
21 June 23rd to complete this whole process, you
22 know, honestly.

1 MR. BERKON: You know, we recognize,
2 and obviously correct us if we are wrong, but
3 that there is an ability for the Board to call
4 meetings in between their regular meetings as
5 long as 48 hours notice is provided to the
6 public. I think clearly, you know, that would be
7 our request that a special meeting be held in
8 order to adopt the initiative in that time frame.

9 I think if it were, for example, if on
10 Monday a special meeting was called for next
11 Wednesday for the adoption process to take place,
12 that would clearly then provide, I think, 12 days
13 in order to get to June 23rd.

14 We recognize that there would need to
15 be a special meeting that is called. Under the
16 statute and the rules we think the Board does
17 have that authority to do so.

18 MR. McGHIE: So he is correct the
19 Board does have that authority because it says
20 that the Board shall formulate the Short Title
21 and Summary Statement within 20 days after
22 acceptance of the initial for proper subject. If

1 the Board was to accept this initiative today and
2 have it formulated within 20 days.

3 MEMBER DANZANSKY: So you're making a
4 formal request that we do that for the record.
5 Correct?

6 MR. BERKON: Yes, for the record.
7 Absolutely.

8 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Thank you.

9 CHAIR NICHOLS: We take the -- if we
10 determine that this is a proper subject matter,
11 that would start the --

12 MR. MCGHIE: If the Board was to
13 accept it today, that would start the --

14 CHAIR NICHOLS: When you say accept
15 it, tell me what you mean by that.

16 MR. MCGHIE: Accept the initiative.

17 CHAIR NICHOLS: But we have to
18 deliberate.

19 MR. MCGHIE: Yes.

20 CHAIR NICHOLS: We have to take it
21 under submission. What triggers the clock? Is
22 it the issuance of an order or we just say today?

1 You know, I'm trying to get the mechanics.

2 MR. MCGHIE: The Board can issue a
3 written order or it could do it orally.

4 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. I'm just trying
5 to get the mechanics.

6 MR. BERKON: Absolutely. We want to
7 make sure that we're following all the rules.

8 MR. MCGHIE: So you can issue an oral
9 order with a written order to follow, or you can
10 just deliberate and issue a written order.

11 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

12 MR. MCGHIE: That would trigger the 20
13 days.

14 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

15 MEMBER DANZANSKY: And the reason,
16 just for the record, for expedition is to ensure
17 to get the petition process started so you can be
18 on the November ballot? Is that your --

19 MR. MCGHIE: That is correct.

20 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay.

21 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. Thank you
22 for bearing with me.

1 MR. BERKON: We are happy to do it.
2 We recognize the onus is on the Board and we
3 appreciate all that you are able to do.

4 MR. MCGHIE: One other possible
5 scenario is that whenever the Board does decide
6 it's going to have a hearing to formulate the
7 Short Title and Summary Statement, it's needs to
8 be in the D.C. Register and so --

9 CHAIR NICHOLS: For how long?

10 MR. MCGHIE: Just once. You just need
11 to put a notice in the D.C. Register. It's too
12 late for it to appear in this Friday's Register.

13 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

14 MR. MCGHIE: The earliest it could
15 appear would be next Friday.

16 CHAIR NICHOLS: There are just a lot
17 of moving parts. That's what I'm trying to
18 figure out what the mechanics are that triggers
19 the different parts and then the processes. June
20 23rd, you know, I wish it was doable. I don't
21 know that it is because of the other statutory
22 requirements that we have to meet that can't be

1 short circuited but we will see what can be done.

2 MR. BERKON: And my colleague just
3 pointed out, and I will pose this as a question.
4 In lieu of putting it in the Register it seems
5 under 3 DMR 102.5 there is an ability to post on
6 the website?

7 MR. MCGHIE: No. It has to be in the
8 D.C. Register.

9 CHAIR NICHOLS: Public notice.

10 MR. NUDELMAN: Thank you.

11 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. Thank you
12 so much. We will -- I will ask the General
13 Counsel what is his determination as to whether
14 this is a proper subject for initiative.

15 MR. MCGHIE: It would be the
16 recommendation of the Office of General Counsel
17 that this be found as a proper subject for
18 initiative. I did not see where it violated any
19 of the prohibitions enumerated in the Home Rule
20 Act for not having this go forward.

21 I will also note for the record that
22 the Office of the Attorney General submitted a

1 legal memorandum. In his comments he also found
2 this to be a proper subject for an initiative.

3 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. All right.

4 Well, are there any other questions from members?

5 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Have you seen the
6 Attorney General's --

7 MR. BERKON: We have.

8 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Do you agree with
9 his conclusions and his reasoning and is there
10 anything you want to add to that?

11 MR. BERKON: No.

12 MEMBER CURRY: You're just happy he
13 agreed with you. Right?

14 MR. BERKON: Absolutely.

15 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. The Board
16 will deliberate on this matter. Having accepted
17 the recommendation -- well, having received the
18 recommendation of our General Counsel and the
19 District Attorney General, and we will inform you
20 of the decision as soon as possible.

21 Thank you so much for coming this
22 morning. Appreciate it.

1 MR. MCGHIE: All right. Another
2 initiative and that's for the Formulation of
3 Short Title and Summary Statement. The
4 initiative was submitted with the title of Fair
5 Minimum Wage Act of 2014. I believe the
6 representative is present for that.

7 Can I ask that you please take a seat
8 at the front desk and state your full name and
9 address for the record.

10 MR. MICHAEL: Delvone Michael. My
11 address is 1332 15th Street, N.W., Apartment B1.

12 MR. MCGHIE: And what is your capacity
13 with this measure?

14 MR. MICHAEL: I'm the treasurer.

15 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. So the draft
16 formulation has been prepared. Have you seen the
17 draft formulation of the Short Title and Summary
18 Statement?

19 MR. MICHAEL: Yes.

20 CHAIR NICHOLS: Are there any
21 suggestions from you or from members of the
22 Board?

1 MR. MICHAEL: We've been in contact
2 with --

3 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. So you do
4 agree?

5 MR. MICHAEL: Yes.

6 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

7 Mr. General Counsel, will you read the
8 final formulation into the record.

9 MR. MCGHIE: I'm not sure if this
10 will make it exceed the hundred-word limit but
11 the last bullet point, "Ensure that the minimum
12 wage increase will not apply to D.C. government
13 employees or employees of D.C. government
14 contractors." Could we add "as per required by
15 law." There was some discussion with counsel
16 about "as required by law" and then taking it
17 out.

18 CHAIR NICHOLS: And what happened?

19 MR. MCGHIE: We additionally had "as
20 required by law the minimum wage increase will
21 not apply to D.C. government employees" and we
22 had determined --

1 CHAIR NICHOLS: Is that required by
2 law?

3 MR. McGHIE: -- that was not
4 necessary.

5 CHAIR NICHOLS: We could take it under
6 consideration as a technical edit. Is it
7 required by -- is there a law?

8 MR. McGHIE: The current law exempts
9 the District government and the federal
10 government from the definition of employer so it
11 is not required by law. It would be correct if
12 you were to put that in "as required by law." I
13 think it was initially felt that was not
14 necessary to put in "as required by law."

15 CHAIR NICHOLS: And this would
16 basically if the initiative, if I'm understanding
17 it properly, would say you can't would become
18 law. It would become law and it would say you
19 can't apply this to D.C. government.

20 MR. MICHAEL: The present issue in the
21 last bullet point. That's fine.

22 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. All right.

1 General Counsel.

2 MR. MCGHIE: On behalf of the proposal
3 in your campaign, are you fine with the Short
4 Title and Summary Statement as drafted?

5 MR. MICHAEL: Yes.

6 MR. MCGHIE: Then I will read it into
7 the record. It would read, "Initiative measure
8 No. -- I believe this would be 72 -- Short Title
9 Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2014 Summary Statement.
10 If enacted, the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2014
11 will increase the D.C. minimum wage to \$12.50 per
12 hour or \$2.00 above the federal minimum wage,
13 whichever is greater, by 2017.

14 Increase the minimum wage that
15 employers have to pay employees who receive tips
16 to 70 percent of the full minimum wage by 2021.
17 Beginning in 2018 adjust the minimum wage
18 annually to keep pace with any cost of living
19 increases. And ensure that the minimum wage
20 increases will not apply to D.C. government
21 employees or employees of D.C. government
22 contractors."

1 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. The Board
2 has five days from today to submit the Short
3 Title and Summary Statement in legislative form
4 to the D.C. Register for publication. We can get
5 that in by Friday so we're at Wednesday now.
6 This should be in the next D.C. Register.

7 Any qualified registered elected of
8 the District may object to a Summary Statement
9 and Short Title or legislative form and seek
10 review or change before this Board. And, if not
11 satisfied, certainly review in the Superior Court
12 of the District of Columbia.

13 I will entertain now a motion from a
14 member to adopt the Short Title and Summary
15 Statement as read by the General Counsel, subject
16 to minor technical edit.

17 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Madam Chair, I move
18 that we adopt the language as submitted for the
19 record by the General Counsel for the Short Title
20 for Initiative Measure now No. 72.

21 CHAIR NICHOLS: Are there any
22 questions? The motion is before us. All in

1 favor say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIR NICHOLS: All opposed? The ayes
4 have it.

5 MR. McGHIE: Okay. So let me just
6 tell you procedurally, as she just said, by
7 regulation the Board has to submit this to the
8 D.C. Register within five days. More than likely
9 we will submit this tomorrow to the D.C.
10 Register, but it's too late for it to appear in
11 the Friday Register.

12 It will be the following Friday and
13 then once it appears in the D.C. Register, that
14 starts the 10-day challenge period. Any
15 registered qualified elected can challenge the
16 Short Title and Summary Statement and say it's
17 misleading or whatever and they can challenge
18 that.

19 If there are no challenges during that
20 10-day period, the Short Title and Summary
21 Statement will be seemed approved and we will
22 schedule another meeting to issue a petition that

1 has that language on the petition.

2 CHAIR NICHOLS: So you can start
3 circulating petitions this evening.

4 MR. MICHAEL: All right. Thanks so
5 much.

6 CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you so much for
7 coming this morning.

8 All right. Mr. McGhie.

9 MR. MCGHIE: The next thing on my
10 agenda is a litigation status update. The
11 Libertarian Party, there's been no movement in
12 that case at all. That's still pending,
13 unresolved issues of attorney's fees.

14 The second matter, Zuckerberg v. Board,
15 that matter was appealed to the Court of Appeals
16 and there was an oral argument on May 29th.
17 Based on discussions I had with the Office of the
18 Attorney General, they felt a need to submit
19 additional information so they filed what is
20 called a 28(k) letter to the D.C. Court of
21 Appeals giving them additional, I guess,
22 authority and additional facts.

1 They did not have additional authority
2 but they felt the need to inform the court of the
3 Board's time table if the court was inclined to
4 order that the council and the Board have an
5 election and include -- have a primary election
6 for an elected Attorney General so that it could
7 be placed on the November general election
8 ballot. So that supplemental letter mentioned
9 the course and, I guess, our time table to
10 accomplish a partition election.

11 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right.

12 MR. MCGHIE: That would conclude my
13 litigation status update.

14 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. Thank you
15 so much, Mr. McGhie.

16 We'll move on now to the Executive
17 Director's Report from Mr. Tatum.

18 MR. TATUM: Thank you, Madam Chair.
19 My report includes two items, an update to the
20 July 15, 2014 special election for the State
21 School Board position in Ward 8. As of May 23rd
22 we have a ballot lottery and assigned the

1 candidates their positions on the ballot.

2 After having the ballot lottery we
3 were able to finalize the ballot and actually
4 begin conducting L&A on the 650s and we actually
5 mailed out ballots to military and overseas
6 voters on May 30th.

7 We are waiting on the audio ballot to
8 be created by our vendor which will allow us to
9 begin L&A processing on the iVos and M100s that
10 will be used for election day -- early voting and
11 election day.

12 We have conducted projections for
13 voter turnout for this particular election which
14 has allowed us to project a number of ballots
15 that will be ordered for this election, as well
16 as the number of co-workers that will be needed.

17 Currently there are 17 polling places
18 in the Ward 8 that will have to be opened. And
19 we've also established a early voting site in
20 Ward 8 at the Malcolm X Elementary School that
21 will be open for the early voting period July 5
22 through July 12. We will assign six iVotronics

1 to that location and there will only be
2 electronic voting at the Malcolm X site.

3 For in-person absentee and early
4 voting with paper ballots our office here at 250
5 North Judiciary Square will be available for
6 paper ballots as well as one iVo for any disabled
7 voters that might appear to vote during that
8 period of time.

9 We have identified our technical
10 rovers as well as area reps. We've reviewed our
11 supply chain processes for insuring supplies are
12 properly packed and distributed to the polling
13 places.

14 Publication and outreach we have
15 generated a mailer that will be sent to all the
16 registered voters in Ward 8. The first mailer is
17 scheduled to be distributed on June 15th which
18 would give us a 30-day notice prior to the July
19 15th election.

20 The second mailer is scheduled to go
21 out on June 30th which will give us a two-week
22 notice, a reminder notice, before the July 15th

1 election. We generated yard signs that will be
2 placed strategically throughout Ward 8 at major
3 intersections and thoroughfares, as well as at
4 the Metro stops within Ward 8.

5 We scheduled the election cards that
6 would run on the side of the Metro buses that are
7 running in throughout Ward 8. Those bus signs
8 are scheduled to begin on June 16th through July
9 15th. We've also generated a platform sign that
10 will appear at Congress Heights as well as
11 Southern Avenue and Naylor Metro stops beginning
12 June 16th through July 15th.

13 We've identified and created two ads
14 that will run in the Washington Informer for a
15 two-week period beginning June 23rd and July 7th.
16 We will implement two radio PSAs with WHUR and
17 Radio One.

18 Radio One consist of three stations;
19 Magic, Praise, and WKYS to begin running the week
20 of June 23rd and the week of July 6th. That is
21 our publication and outreach efforts to alert the
22 voters that there is, indeed, a special election

1 for the member of the State Board of Education,
2 Ward 8.

3 As it relates to general matters, as
4 I think I indicated to the Board, we'll be
5 traveling to Virginia to observe a June 10
6 primary election with new voting equipment that's
7 being run as a pilot at one of the polling places
8 in Virginia.

9 We have a number of audits that are
10 being conducted; one on the voter registration
11 system and the second Help America Vote Act to
12 extend the period during the course of the
13 summer. We had a June 9 counsel hearing before
14 the council and Legislative Affairs.

15 There's three particular pieces of
16 legislation that is being discussed at that
17 hearing: The Board of Elections nominating
18 petition Circulator Affidavit Emergency Amendment
19 Act of 2013; the Party Officer Elections
20 Emergency Amendment Act of 2013; and the Special
21 Election Reform Amendment Act of 2013. The
22 council has asked us to make comment on those

1 pieces of legislation.

2 Madam Chair, that's all I have.

3 CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you, Mr. Tatum.

4 Are there any questions of Mr. Tatum?

5 MEMBER CURRY: I have one question.

6 Did I understand, Mr. Tatum, you to say that
7 there would not be any access at Malcolm X for
8 disabled voters for the early voting?

9 MR. TATUM: No, ma'am. At the Malcolm
10 X location there would only be iVotronic so those
11 iVotronics are accessible for disabled voters.
12 There won't be any paper ballots at the Malcolm X
13 site.

14 MEMBER CURRY: I see.

15 MR. TATUM: The paper will be here at
16 the Judiciary Square.

17 MEMBER CURRY: But in addition to the
18 iVotronic all the other accessibility that we
19 normally have for disabled voters will be there?

20 MR. TATUM: That is correct.

21 MEMBER CURRY: Okay.

22 MR. TATUM: That location is actually

1 one block, maybe one-and-a-half blocks from the
2 Congress Heights Metro stop. The site is
3 disabled accessible.

4 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. We will
5 now move to Campaign Finance Report, Cecily
6 Collier-Montgomery.

7 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes. Good
8 morning. First, on May 21st of this past month
9 the Office of Campaign Finance posted on the OCS
10 Facebook page a brief review and also a hyperlink
11 to our website featured the geographic
12 contribution locator.

13 Basically what that feature does is it
14 provides a detailed analysis of contributions
15 which are made to local candidates by zip code.
16 This means that the user can link to a particular
17 zip code and then you will be shown the total
18 contributions which were collected from the
19 District residents in that zip code by committee,
20 a listing of the total contribution.

21 You can search by candidate and you
22 can search by committee, but you can also again

1 locate what the total contributions were for
2 those particular candidates or committees by zip
3 code.

4 What we wanted to do was basically
5 improve access to that particular feature at our
6 website because we are at the point where we do
7 understand that probably most of the public out
8 there uses Facebook so we wanted to make sure
9 that the public has better access to contributor
10 information that is critical to the election in
11 the District of Columbia. So that contributor
12 information is available for the 2014 election
13 cycle at the Facebook page.

14 There were no filing deadlines during
15 the month of May but in the Public Information
16 and Records Management Division we did have new
17 candidates and committees who registered to
18 participate in the 2014 election cycle:

19 David Do/David Do for Ward 1 (School
20 Board, Ward 1) registered on May 7, 2014.

21 Graylan Hagler/Hagler for DC (At-
22 Large, City Council) registered May 9th.

1 C. M. Hudson/Committee to Elect
2 Charles Matthew Hudson for DC Council At-Large
3 registered May 19th.

4 Elissa Silverman/Elissa 2014 (At-
5 Large, City Council) Registered May 19th.

6 Lillian Perdomo/Yes for Lillian
7 Perdomo (School Board, Ward 1), registered May
8 23rd.

9 We also held entrance conferences for
10 our newly-registered candidates on May 19, 2014.
11 We had two participants: Elissa Silverman, Elissa
12 2014; Robert Price, also for Elissa 2014. He is
13 the treasurer.

14 We have entrance conferences which
15 will be scheduled on June 11, 2014 for also the
16 candidates and the committees who newly
17 registered in May. There were no referrals
18 during the month of May to the Office of the
19 General Council.

20 Our Audit Branch conducted six desk
21 reviews. Also in the Audit Branch with respect
22 to the ongoing field audits, the Full Field Audit

1 Gray for Mayor is ongoing.

2 The Periodic Random Audits with the
3 Continuing Political Committees, we had two:
4 Caribbean-American Political Action Committee
5 and the D.C. Freedom Political Action Committee.
6 Both of those Periodic Random Audits were
7 completed during the month of May.

8 With Periodic Random Audits of
9 candidates registered for the up-coming election
10 2014 we have three that are ongoing; Bowser for
11 Mayor, Wells for Mayor, and Evans for Mayor.

12 The Periodic Random Audits for our
13 constituent service programs, these Periodic
14 Random Audits were conducted on the April 1, 2014
15 filing by the Constituent Service Program.
16 The ongoing audits are the Vincent Orange
17 Constituent Service Fund, Ward 8 Constituent
18 Service Fund, and the Councilmember Bowser
19 Constituent Service Fund.

20 The audit reports which were issued
21 during the month of May were for the Caribbean-
22 American PAC and that final audit report was

1 issued on May 5, 2014. The D.C. Freedom PAC
2 Periodic Audit Report was issued on May 5, 2014.
3 Reta Jo Lewis for Mayor. The Periodic Audit was
4 issued on May 5, 2014. These audits are
5 available at our website for review by members of
6 the public.

7 I would ask that our General Counsel
8 for the Office of Campaign Finance William
9 Sanford give the report for the legal affairs of
10 the office.

11 MR. SANFORD: Thank you. Good
12 morning, Madam Chairman and distinguished Board
13 members. My name is William Sanford, General
14 Counsel for the Office of Campaign Finance.

15 During the month of May 2014, as the
16 directors indicated, there were no filing dates.
17 The Office of General Counsel, however, did
18 receive two referrals from the Reports Analysis
19 and Audit Division, conducted four hearings, and
20 issued 14 orders which included the following:

21 Three orders were issued for failure
22 to timely file in which no fines were imposed.

1 Eight orders were issued for failure to timely
2 file in which \$10,050 in fines were imposed.
3 Three orders were issued for failure to timely
4 respond to a request for additional information
5 in which no fines were imposed.

6 During the month of May 2014 the
7 Office of the General Counsel imposed fines
8 against the following individual campaign
9 committees:

10 Frank Sewell for Mayor; failure to
11 timely file a January 31, 2014 report; Frank
12 Sewell for Mayor, failure to file an eight-day
13 pre-primary report; Christian Carter for Mayor,
14 failure to file a March 10, 2014 report; Nestor
15 for Mayor, failure to file a March 10, 2014
16 report; Frank Sewell for Mayor, failure to timely
17 file a March 10, 2014 report; Martin Sterbal,
18 failure to timely file a March 10, 2014 report;
19 Nestor for Mayor, failure to timely file an
20 eight-day pre-primary report; and Martin Sterbal,
21 failure to timely file an eight-day pre-primary
22 report.

1 During the month of May the Office of
2 the General Counsel had five open investigations
3 from prior months. There were new investigations
4 open. There were no requests for interpretive
5 opinions. There were no show cause proceedings
6 conducted during the month of May.

7 That concludes my report.

8 CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you, Mr.
9 Sanford.

10 Are there any questions of Ms.
11 Collier-Montgomery or Mr. Sanford?

12 MEMBER CURRY: I have one.

13 Mr. Sanford, No. 60 are fines imposed.
14 There are some repeat offenders there is appears.
15 Is the imposition of a fine sort of an exercise
16 in fertility? You're imposing it but there's no
17 hope for getting it? Does it serve as any
18 deterrent or in any way reform? I note more than
19 one repeat offender on this list.

20 MR. SANFORD: Currently under current
21 law because it is not liable for fines. It's
22 only a committee. It does not deter from running

1 even though they have not satisfied outstanding
2 fines or obligations.

3 However, it has been proposed by
4 Councilmember Grosso that any future candidate
5 would have to certify with the Office of Campaign
6 Finance that they have no outstanding -- unpaid
7 fines or obligations. It would not prevent them
8 from running but it would expose them for failing
9 to meet those obligations. That would be before
10 the public if they seek office again.

11 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: I would add
12 to that that under the new law which will become
13 effective in January of 2015, the office will
14 have the authority to impose civil penalties
15 against the candidates, as well as the treasurers
16 who fail to file. Now we are limited to imposing
17 fines against the committees.

18 MEMBER CURRY: And refresh my
19 recollection. Is this information posted on the
20 website?

21 MR. SANFORD: Yes. All orders are
22 present on the OCF website. Subsequent to

1 issuance of fines by our office, we try to make
2 petitions for enforcement to the Office of
3 General Counsel for the Board of Elections. Then
4 if the Board makes a determination to enforce
5 that petition, the General Counsel could take it
6 to the D.C. Superior Court to seek judgment.

7 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Just to follow up
8 on Member Curry's question, you will continue to
9 report this. For example, Frank Sewell for Mayor
10 Committee owes \$44.50 all together. You will
11 continue to report this monthly until you send it
12 to the General Counsel? Is that the process?

13 MR. SANFORD: Yes, that's the process.

14 MEMBER DANZANSKY: And then -- okay,
15 and then he can take whatever action. Then you
16 wipe the slate clean.

17 MR. SANFORD: Because that's as far as
18 it can go under current law --

19 MEMBER DANZANSKY: I get it.

20 MR. SANFORD: -- in D.C. Superior
21 Court against the committee.

22 Thank you very much.

1 CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you, Mr.
2 Sanford.

3 Are there any public matters to come
4 before the Board?

5 Yes, sir. Please identify yourself
6 for the record.

7 MR. SULLIVAN: My name is Charles
8 Sullivan and I am the Executive Director of
9 International CURE, Citizens United for
10 Rehabilitation of Errants.

11 I think I've been here, as people
12 know, many times before, Madam Chair, and
13 Commission members. I think initially Mr. McGhie
14 was probably here maybe 10 years ago when we
15 started this journey to have people who are
16 eligible voters be given the opportunity to vote
17 when they are incarcerated in the two D.C. jail
18 facilities.

19 I would like, if I could, to make
20 three points. First of all, I would like to than
21 this agency. I think we have had a great
22 commitment from Director Tatum and the staff in

1 implementing the law that was passed by the D.C.
2 Council. I have observed, I think, just about
3 every time they have been there.

4 Many of them lose sleep. It's a very
5 difficult time because that's when the election
6 is and they are very busy but their commitment
7 could not be better. I think in the same way
8 there could not be a better commitment to
9 implementing the law in the Department of
10 Corrections so I think they work very, very good
11 together.

12 I think my concern, though, and maybe
13 we'll move into a next step, is we are not
14 receiving the numbers of voters that I think that
15 are there potentially. I don't know the figures
16 but maybe 100, 200 out of probably 2,500 people
17 incarcerated in those two jails.

18 I know this commitment from this
19 agency is that there has -- we know they are not
20 second-class voters. They are not first-class
21 voters. We do not make that distinction in our
22 society. But particularly hearing the others

1 speak, I think there needs to be more outreach.
2 Whether that is posters on the wall. I once
3 asked someone if they've ever had someone who was
4 more fluent in Spanish and they said no.

5 Mr. Tatum, I know you've been very
6 involved. Maybe you have had this but in
7 general. That is not only in bringing the
8 absentee ballot, but also when they are processed
9 into the jail, they are also given an opportunity
10 to register and that is the role of the jail
11 staff.

12 But it seems like maybe, just like I
13 imagine you do this with other voting areas or
14 whatever you're talking about, Ward 8, that we
15 have Spanish posters encouraging people. In
16 other words encouraging.

17 This is so important for their
18 rehabilitation. When they participate in
19 society, that means when they are released I
20 think there is a much better chance, and I think
21 statistics show it, that they will not go back
22 into a life of crime. And they are eligible.

1 We're not talking about people that are
2 ineligible.

3 Let me say, too, one area -- I don't
4 want this to be the alternative. I think what
5 the system as set up now is very, very good.
6 But, perhaps as a backup to work with the
7 librarians at the jail. I think you could -- I
8 was reading the website this morning and now you
9 don't have to have any excuse to vote absentee.

10 They could register if perhaps they
11 didn't register when they first processed in and
12 they decided, "Hey, I would like to register,"
13 they could go to the library. We're not talking
14 about prisoners having access to the website.
15 The librarian could bring it up and they could
16 register.

17 They could also, and I know this is a
18 difficult challenge that both agencies have, is
19 that you bring the absentee ballots out a few
20 days before the election. Maybe there is someone
21 who comes in after that and would like to vote.
22 They would be able to vote, I think, through the

1 library. That is -- what I'm saying is outreach.

2 Then finally if I could make this
3 final point, one of the questions or difficulties
4 is that the prisoners are not sure that they are
5 eligible because the law presently says if you
6 are serving a felony, then you are ineligible to
7 vote.

8 We in our organization has been
9 working for a few years and we really want to get
10 serious in the next year, two years, in having
11 all of prisoners be able to vote. This would
12 mean that they would vote when they would go onto
13 the federal system.

14 There are two states that allow this;
15 Maine and Vermont so we would join Maine and
16 Vermont. Then it would be much clearer. I think
17 you've experienced where people are not sure.
18 The reason they're there is they got in trouble.
19 They don't want to get in trouble again. That
20 would clarify it.

21 Of course, it would mean D.C., like it
22 should be, should be a model for the rest of the

1 country and the world in regard to universal
2 suffrage, that all persons that are citizens
3 should be given the opportunity, adult citizens,
4 to be able to register to vote.

5 Again, thank you.

6 CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you, Mr.
7 Sullivan. I appreciate your pointing out the
8 efforts that staff has taken to go out and try to
9 make the electoral process available to our
10 residents at the D.C. jail. Certainly it is a
11 continuing process.

12 We will certainly take your
13 recommendations under consideration as to how to
14 improve upon that. We certainly want to make
15 sure that they have every opportunity and that we
16 can register as many as we can and certainly
17 reach them through every means that is out there
18 for them.

19 Members have any questions of Mr.
20 Sullivan?

21 MEMBER CURRY: Well, I have a couple
22 of comments. First, I think you made some

1 excellent points. I just think your project,
2 your issues, are laudable. And I concur with the
3 Chair that we will do everything that we can.

4 The first thing that caught my
5 attention when you were speaking you addressed
6 the low percentage of voters. Sir, that is a
7 grave concern among the population, not just the
8 incarcerated.

9 We will certainly make some outreach
10 but I think to get a greater participation, your
11 organization perhaps in collaboration with some
12 others may spend some time talking about the
13 importance of voting.

14 You put your finger on an important
15 issue that it may have some reformation benefits.
16 Certainly if it has none of that, I mean, those
17 that cannot -- do not participate in the process
18 lose every day because they cannot advocate for
19 themselves.

20 But you are, I'm sure, very aware that
21 the voting in D.C. in general is dismal, if you
22 ask me, and I think the Board has made efforts to

1 try to increase the access and do everything we
2 can but it's disconcerting to read some of the
3 comments by votes.

4 "Well, I'm just not interested in that
5 issue." They just don't make the effort
6 including some high elected officials just don't
7 make the effort to do it. My point is there is
8 only so much we can do.

9 MR. SULLIVAN: Sure.

10 MEMBER CURRY: The education of the
11 importance of it has to be broader than what the
12 Board of Elections can do.

13 MR. SULLIVAN: Right. In fact, I
14 wasn't going to mention it but one thing that
15 I've talked to a director years ago, Mr. Devon
16 Brown, who was very, very committed to this
17 project. I said, "Do you have a microphone
18 system throughout that someone could talk about
19 these issues?"

20 Candidates could debate. I really
21 thought what would be most interesting is the
22 debate on the minimum wage. If anybody is going

1 to be affected by the minimum wage, it's going to
2 be people coming out of jail. And to be able to
3 hear that, I think people then would vote or
4 register maybe through the library or whatever.

5 I think those things -- understand
6 that we are way ahead. There are 3,000 jails in
7 this country. We're ahead of just about all of
8 them. I think San Francisco does a lot of
9 things.

10 We're talking about a lot of potential
11 people who could be voters if we would have
12 greater outreach. Like you say, maybe as
13 sometimes happens, what they learn in prison they
14 bring out to the greater society. That's another
15 important consideration to provide
16 rehabilitation. I see it not only as a right,
17 but it also is very rehabilitating so I
18 appreciate it.

19 Thank you, ma'am.

20 MEMBER DANZANSKY: And your number is
21 200 out of 2,500?

22 MR. SULLIVAN: Right. I haven't seen

1 the numbers lately but it's usually about that.
2 Right? I think you all have raised those numbers

3 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Doing the division
4 in my head, is that about 7 percent?

5 MR. SULLIVAN:
6 Right.

7 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Do you have -- are
8 there any reasons given? I mean, you're closer
9 to it than we are. Is it disinterest?

10 MR. SULLIVAN: Well, there's a lot of
11 logistics. I said if we had everybody able to
12 vote, that would be good if we maybe used the
13 library. I mean, I've seen this so many times
14 and Mr. Tatum knows exactly. They have all of
15 their absentee ballots ready for this floor and
16 they sent the person over to a different
17 facility. There are two facilities. You've got
18 that.

19 Or they've been sent to court. Then
20 they try to work through the chaplain and they
21 try to follow up. Also at that point when they
22 are now -- I don't know what the statistics are

1 lately in regard to when they are being processed
2 into the jail, and that's not the role of this
3 agency but you follow up and keep the pressure on
4 to make sure that they do it. It just seems like
5 there are a lot of things that cause it.

6 Like you said, Mr. Curry, it's apathy
7 to a certain extent. I remember --

8 MEMBER CURRY: You just put your
9 finger on an important point. BOE may be able to
10 do something but, again, in believe collaborative
11 efforts. You put your finger on a very important
12 point and that is broadcasting some issues that
13 will resinate with them.

14 Getting people to understand this is
15 in your vested interest and your life may change
16 as a result of this. Many times people are not
17 engaged if you listen to some of these rap songs,
18 and I do sometimes, but I also work with young
19 people. "I don't have anything to vote for."

20 You mentioned this as an example the
21 minimum wage, but maybe some other issues. To
22 the extent that you can continue to work and get

1 others engaged with you to say, "This is in your
2 vested interested to do this."

3 MR. SULLIVAN: Sure. Right. Exactly.

4 CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you so much, Mr.
5 Sullivan.

6 Are there any other public matters to
7 come before the Board?

8 MR. SINDRAM: Good morning, Madam
9 Chair.

10 CHAIR NICHOLS: Good morning, Mr.
11 Sindram.

12 MR. SINDRAM: Michael Sindram,
13 disabled veteran who served our country more than
14 most. It brings joy to my heart to see that you
15 no longer have identification of public matters
16 at the outset of the meeting but that you do call
17 us here and now.

18 My spirit is vexed. We need hope in
19 that dope. Wouldn't you agree, Ms. Montgomery?
20 Our little friend I'm thinking about. Her name
21 escapes me but her path at Giant. Do you recall?
22 I mean, promoting marijuana in the classroom. I

1 mean, our legislators legalizing it through an
2 initiative.

3 I look at the April 23rd minutes I see
4 here Ms. Dorothy Brazil alleged witnessing an
5 incident of pre-circulation of the marijuana
6 initiative petition during the April 1 primary
7 election. Ms. Brazil testified that an
8 individual soliciting signatures represented that
9 the signatories were signing the actual petition
10 for ballot access.

11 Again, my point is, we need hope in
12 that dope. I'm going to pass up a timely article
13 to be part of the record about a writer who
14 indicates having used dope and that experience.
15 I'll read it in part.

16 "And it scares me to think that people
17 driving --

18 CHAIR NICHOLS: Mr. Sindram, we'll
19 enter it into the record. You don't have time to
20 read it. Oh, okay.

21 MR. SINDRAM: "It scares me to think
22 that people driving, etc., are out of control of

1 their own bodies. Legalizing pot will put
2 ordinary people in danger."

3 What I think is a very timely subject
4 matter for initiative is Veterans Court. Freedom
5 ain't free. Okay? We're not dumping grenades,
6 bullets, and mortars because we veterans have put
7 our life on the line for due process and
8 fundamental fairness.

9 Veterans Court is win/win. It was
10 started by a judge in Buffalo. I'm going to pass
11 up an article that highlights the starting of
12 Veterans Court. It's up and running in about a
13 hundred -- in excess of a hundred jurisdictions.

14 It has the lowest rate of recidivism.
15 I don't know if my CURE friend is here but I
16 think that would be in your words, Ms. Curry, for
17 collaborative effort.

18 I understand the good chief judge is
19 resistant for whatever reason. Not good. We
20 have a number of courts but, again, this Veterans
21 Court is a timely valid initiative. I'll pass
22 that up and you can peruse it at your

1 convenience.

2 I have in hand a letter dated May 14th
3 from Executive Director John Thompson from the
4 Office of Aging. I did receive from you, Madam
5 Chair, a letter regarding the 4A -- Advisory
6 Neighborhood Commission 4A grant.

7 You recall, Mr. McGhie, and this
8 predates the current Board members, where Mr.
9 Lowery had a one-panel hearing for lack of a
10 better word. That was appealed to Togo West, the
11 Chair at the time, who then indicated and assured
12 me that it was timely and right for the full
13 complement of the Board, which has never
14 happened.

15 Now, Ms. Nichols takes issue that item
16 has been litigated fully. It has not. It has
17 never gone before a full complement of this
18 Board. One member is not compliant certainly in
19 light of perfecting and filing that timely appeal
20 for the full complement.

21 Mr. Thompson has indicated that --
22 well, the pretext for the rescision of the grant

1 was that it duplicated what the Office of Aging
2 was doing. This had to do with digital
3 conversation.

4 CHAIR NICHOLS: We've got that, Mr.
5 Sindram.

6 MR. SINDRAM: Well, you don't have
7 this letter so you don't have all the facts. Mr.
8 Thompson clearly indicates that his organization
9 merely assisted seniors 60 and above with
10 obtaining a coupon and maybe some installation.

11 Ms. Rhodes, on the other hands,
12 provided all the materials; the television, the
13 converter, the whole nine yards, for anyone
14 irrespective of age so she did something separate
15 and apart from what anybody else did.

16 You may recall, Mr. McGhie, when this
17 hearing before Lowery took place that Stephen
18 Whatley came forward as Chair at the time. He
19 said his computer crashed. He conceded nothing
20 in writing. This is not the way we do business.
21 We need an expedited hearing before the full
22 complement.

1 I'm going to pass up this letter with
2 the attachment from Mr. Thompson so you can
3 peruse it. I want to assert this right again
4 that I am -- that we follow the law and that I am
5 entitled to this hearing before the full
6 complement of you all. You've indicated, Mr.
7 McGhie, that is correct. That's how the law is
8 written and it needs to be followed.

9 A very troubling issue -- I'm going to
10 pass this up -- is ANC-4B. It regards a letter
11 from the auditor. It's addressed to me. I made
12 a FOIA request. The relevant part says here, and
13 I quote, from Yolanda Branche, your subsequent
14 auditor, Ms. Nichols. And I quote, "We were
15 unable to locate any checks for 3rd and 4th
16 quarter fiscal year 2005."

17 The treasurer at the time was none
18 other than Muriel Bowser. Hundreds of thousands
19 of dollars are unaccounted for so some action
20 needs to be taken so I'm voicing my concern here.
21 I'm going to pass up a copy of this letter to be
22 part of the record and corrective action needs to

1 be taken.

2 MEMBER CURRY: Are you sure that's not
3 an issue, if it is an issue, Mr. Sindram, before
4 the Board of Ethics and Accountability?

5 CHAIR NICHOLS: Mr. Sindram, you've
6 got one more minute to wrap this up.

7 MR. SINDRAM: With the other
8 presenters you didn't cut them short, Ms.
9 Nichols. I know you don't like me but --

10 CHAIR NICHOLS: That is not true and
11 that has nothing to do with it. Please, just
12 provide to us comments that are relevant to our
13 jurisdiction. That's all that I meant.

14 MR. SINDRAM: It is relevant.

15 CHAIR NICHOLS: It is not relevant but
16 that is neither here nor there. Could you
17 proceed, sir? We are holding people here so we
18 want to make sure that we are using our time
19 properly to hear you, but also to move things
20 along expeditiously. That's what our goal is, to
21 move things along expeditiously.

22 MR. SINDRAM: Are you through?

1 CHAIR NICHOLS: Please proceed.

2 MR. SINDRAM: It's good to see you've
3 got an elephant in the room, Mr. Danzansky. It's
4 troubling that the Republicans don't have a field
5 office in the District of Columbia. Competition
6 is good.

7 The culture of corruption is rampant
8 and alive and well. I think the recently ex-
9 councilman, felon councilman Michael Brown, in
10 this culture of corruption is promoted by the
11 obstinate donkey, this one-party town.

12 We need competition. We need an
13 elephant in the room. At one time the
14 Republicans did have an office over on 13th
15 Street, but no longer. I mean, that's not good.
16 I would like to speak with you also offline.

17 I'm going to pass up documents
18 relevant to be part of the record. If there are
19 any questions, I would be delighted to field them
20 at this time.

21 CHAIR NICHOLS: Hearing no questions
22 and there is no further business before us, this

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meeting is adjourned. The time is 11:42 a.m.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
went off the record at 11:42 a.m.)

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