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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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WEDNESDAY

MAY 2, 2018

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The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened a Regular Board Meeting in Suite 750, 1015 Half Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., 20001, pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m., Michael Bennett, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

MICHAEL BENNETT, Chair
MIKE GILL, Member
DIONNA MARIA LEWIS, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

ALICE P. MILLER, Executive Director
KENNETH MCGHIE, General Counsel
RUDOLPH MCGANN, Office of General Counsel
ARLIN BUDOO, Facility Operations Manager

OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE STAFF PRESENT:

CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Director
WILLIAM SANFORD, General Counsel

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (10:45 a.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Good morning. My
4 name's Michael Bennett, Chair of the Board of
5 Elections. And we are about to have our May
6 regular Board meeting.

7 MEMBER LEWIS: Hello.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Good morning,
9 Dionna.

10 MEMBER LEWIS: Good morning.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: We're just about to
12 get started. And so ---

13 MEMBER LEWIS: Okay. I might be one of
14 the first to arrive.

15 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Well, you're more
16 than welcome just to cut off and come on in. I'm
17 sure we'll be just getting started by the time you
18 get here, if you like.

19 MEMBER LEWIS: Okay. Sounds good.
20 I'll see you in couple of minutes.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right, thanks.

22 (Off the record comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right. So let
2 me just start off by introducing the members of the
3 Board, of the guys here, to my left Alice Miller,
4 Executive Director, Board of Elections, far right,
5 Ms. Cecily Montgomery, Director of the Office of
6 Campaign Finance, to her left, Mr. Michael Gill,
7 Board member, to his left and my right, Ken McGhie,
8 General Counsel, and I am Michael Bennett. On the
9 way up is Ms. Dionna Lewis, Board member, who'll
10 be sitting directly to my left.

11 So I want to get started. The meeting
12 is now called to order. First is the adoption of
13 the agenda for today. Mr. Gill, can I get a motion
14 to adopt the agenda for today?

15 MEMBER GILL: Motion to adopt the
16 agenda.

17 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Second. And so the
18 two of us, the agenda is hereby adopted. Next item
19 is the adoption of the minutes from the Board
20 meeting on April 4th. Mr. Gill, can I get a motion?

21 MEMBER GILL: I make a motion to
22 approved the Board meeting minutes from Wednesday,

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1 April 4th, 2018.

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you.

3 Second. So those minutes are adopted.

4 Even though Ms. Lewis is not here, I'm
5 going to call for Board matters now. Mr. Gill, do
6 you have any matters for the Board?

7 MEMBER GILL: No, I didn't.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. And I don't
9 have any. We will go back to that if Ms. Lewis has
10 any matters for the Board. I'll go back to that
11 after the General Counsel's report and see if Ms.
12 Lewis has any matters for the Board when she
13 arrives.

14 Mr. McGhie, do you want to give us the
15 General Counsel's report?

16 MR. MCGHIE: Yes. The first matter on
17 my agenda is a proper subject matter hearing,
18 termination for an initiative. The initiative is
19 ---

20 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Can I stop you for
21 a second? Let me just make sure. I think we have
22 one person on the line, Mr. Sindram. Can you hear

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1 us okay?

2 MR. SINDRAM: I can, Mr. Chair, thank
3 you.

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great.
5 Thank you. I'm sorry, go ahead.

6 MR. MCGHIE: Sure. The initiative is
7 entitled Money Supply Increase (\$3,000)
8 Initiative. And the proposer is Mr. Ameer
9 Flippin. Would you please take a seat please?

10 (Off the record comments)

11 MR. MCGHIE: And would you please state
12 your name and address for the record? Thank you.

13 MR. FLIPPIN: My name is Ameer Flippin.
14 And I just recently started a new startup company
15 called Urban Public Finance. And it is pending
16 with the SEC and FINRA. We're a crowd funding
17 portal, so that's partially what's driving this
18 initiative.

19 MEMBER GILL: And your address, sir?

20 MR. FLIPPIN: I'm sorry?

21 MR. MCGHIE: Your address?

22 MR. FLIPPIN: 1100 Alabama Avenue, SE,

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2 MR. MCGHIE: Okay. As I indicated
3 earlier, we're here for a proper subject matter
4 determination. The processes that are entailed,
5 that the Board will be looking to see whether or
6 not the initiative -- whether to oppose the
7 initiative, well, I should say an initiative can
8 pretty much involve any subject.

9 And you could have an initiative of any
10 subject, in the District of Columbia, except for
11 initiatives that violate any of the following which
12 would begin with appropriated funds, it would
13 negate or limit the Budget Act it's contrary to the
14 Home Rule Act, or it's unconstitutional.

15 So there are about eight factors that
16 we look at to see whether or not it would violate
17 the District law of being a proper subject. If it
18 does not violate any of those provisions, or any
19 of those prohibitions, it would be deemed a proper
20 subject to be on the ballot. So that is what this
21 hearing is for today, just to see whether or not
22 your initiative violates any of those

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1 prohibitions. With that said ---

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I want to make sure
3 that our recorder can hear us okay. Are you okay
4 with us, can you hear everything okay? This is
5 roughly a new meeting, so we want to make sure all
6 of our media is running?

7 MR. SINDRAM: Mr. Chair?

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, sir.

9 MR. SINDRAM: I was cut off briefly. I
10 didn't get the intro on that ballot initiative.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Yes, and
12 that was by mistake, Mr. Sindram. The intro, can
13 you just tell him real quick, the subject matter.

14 MR. FLIPPIN: Well, Mr. Sindram, all I
15 did was go over the reasons why it is not ---

16 MR. SINDRAM: What was the initiative
17 about?

18 MR. FLIPPIN: I didn't say.

19 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Well, we're going
20 to get a summary in about two seconds, Mr. Sindram.
21 If indeed there are --- once we get to the public
22 matters, if for some reason --- now, really after

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1 we finish this, if there's a question, while it's
2 not normal, because you didn't hear that for a few
3 minutes, I'll give you an opportunity to ask, if
4 that's okay, sir.

5 MR. SINDRAM: Yes, sure.

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

7 MR. MCGHIE: Well, with that question,
8 let me ask Mr. Flippin if he could just briefly
9 summarize what his initiative does.

10 MR. FLIPPIN: So the challenge here is
11 that Congress recently passed the Jobs Act. It
12 started back in 2012. It's 2018. It's now six
13 years going. In 2016, they amended the Jobs Act
14 to include a Title III amendment and a Title IV
15 amendment.

16 And what was driving that amendment was
17 that they wanted to include non-wealthy
18 individuals, someone who had less than \$1 million
19 in assets on \$200,000 in income.

20 Part of the challenge here is that ---
21 and I know that the District of Columbia is not,
22 you know, it's not a federal statute. We're trying

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1 to get something that's state related passed to
2 sort of follow-up to something that's already been
3 passed in Congress. So the challenge here in DC
4 is that the cost of living is so high, and sometimes
5 a person might lose their job, or they may have
6 social services benefits.

7 And under the present administrative
8 guidelines, or under DC code where the mayor has
9 a huge amount of subjective decision-making in
10 terms of, you know, the allowable assets for
11 someone to continue the process of receiving social
12 services, we just want to codify in line with
13 Congress' act, the Jobs Act. We want to codify
14 that as things evolve.

15 The big thing here is that we want
16 people in the District of Columbia to be able to
17 participate in the new Jobs Act and all the startup
18 companies that happen. Right now, if someone had
19 a job, and they suddenly lost their job, they'd have
20 to deplete all of their assets before they could
21 receive TANF benefits, or maybe SSI, or something
22 like that.

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1 Whatever the situation is, everyone
2 will probably agree that the cost of living is
3 pretty prohibitive for anyone who has anywhere
4 under \$150,000 in income. You can't really afford
5 to live in DC unless you're making \$100,000.

6 So this is basically to say we'd like
7 for the Board of Elections to place on the ballot
8 for the 2018 mid-term elections, or we'd like to
9 release the petition forms to get more feedback
10 from the general public, wherever the levels are
11 in terms of allowable assets to be able to continue
12 social services benefits, or to continue the
13 process of applying for social services, we want
14 to do a plus \$3,000.

15 That's our lowest for, you know,
16 without going in and repealing some act, you know,
17 through Congress or through the existing City
18 Council, we just want to say plus \$3,000. And
19 wherever those levels are and wherever those levels
20 exist right now for someone applying for TANF
21 benefits, we want to increase it by \$3,000 so that
22 that person would be able to participate in any

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1 startup securities offer.

2 And let me just make a couple of
3 comments. Those are basically civil rights. The
4 idea comes -- the \$3,000 level comes from the
5 concept of presently, if someone's working and
6 they're able to earn an income, they're able to have
7 an individual retirement account somewhere between
8 \$3,000, to \$5,000, to \$6,000.

9 So in terms of having civil rights for
10 someone who doesn't have a job, or is receiving
11 social services, it makes logical sense to pass
12 something at the state and the local level that
13 would allow them to preserve some assets that could
14 potentially grow.

15 The idea is that the reason the Jobs Act
16 was passed was to --- or the Title III amendment
17 was passed was to allow more people access to, you
18 know, equity offerings that could possibly be
19 super-exclusive.

20 And that could sort of subsidize some
21 of the income deficiencies that someone might have
22 in DC. So we just want to allow the same civil

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1 rights opportunity to someone who's maybe possibly
2 applying for social services. Right now, it's ---

3 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I have to stop you
4 ---

5 MR. FLIPPIN: -- a total lockout.

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- because you kind
7 of get into your --- and we're going to hear all
8 that. But you're getting into your support for the
9 initiative. So I appreciate that.

10 Mr. Sindram, could you put yourself on
11 mute. Because we can kind of hear what's going on
12 there.

13 So the first question I have for the
14 Chair, I mean for the General Counsel, is whether
15 or not he's met all the requirements for the
16 initiative, clerical and otherwise?

17 MR. MCGHIE: Yes. He's properly filed
18 his statement of organization at the Office of the
19 Campaign Finance.

20 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And are there any
21 opponents here that want to speak in opposition to
22 the initiative?

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1 (No audible response)

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: None being seen, we
3 are ready to hear your statement relative to your
4 being the proponent for the initiative.

5 MR. FLIPPIN: Right.

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: But there are other
7 things, Mr. --

8 MR. MCGHIE: Well, before --- let me
9 say that we did receive written comments.

10 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes.

11 MR. MCGHIE: So we got written comments
12 on this, I mean, did you see the comments from the
13 Office of the Attorney General?

14 MR. FLIPPIN: I did get --- I got a ---
15 this morning I got something from the staff
16 attorney. I think that your office helped me with
17 Karl Racine's comments. So I can say that we
18 didn't violate any ---

19 MR. MCGHIE: Yes. So the Office of the
20 Attorney General sent a written memorandum stating
21 that it was a proper subject for the initiative in
22 their view. And they did not see where he violated

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1 any of the prohibitions for having his subject
2 placed on the ballot. And we began --- we'll give,
3 I guess, the comments from the Office of the General
4 Counsel.

5 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great.
6 Thanks.

7 MR. MCGANN: Good morning, Ralph
8 McGann, staff attorney with the Office of the
9 General Counsel for the Board of Elections.
10 Sorry.

11 In my opinion, the proposed measure
12 just has not, in any way, shape, or form, caused
13 any appropriations. And it wouldn't be an
14 improper subject on those grounds. However, I had
15 questions that I spoke with Mr. Flippin about
16 regarding whether or not this proposed measure was
17 administrative in nature or legislative.

18 Based on my conversation with Mr.
19 Flippin on what he's actually trying to accomplish
20 with this measure, I believe he'll relay that
21 further to the Board. I believe, at this point in
22 time, it is a proper subject for an initiative.

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. MCGHIE: So just Mr. Flippin?

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Now it's time for
5 your statement on --

6 MR. FLIPPIN: So the main thing here,
7 it's a very subtle, thorough initiative. A couple
8 of things that will happen if you will release the
9 petition forms is that the District of Columbia
10 government will gain a huge amount of information
11 in terms of feedback from surveys and just
12 collection of petition signatures on exactly how
13 a community feels about startup companies and, you
14 know, the way the economy's going here locally.

15 But the driving force here, it's a
16 pretty simple layout. Congress passed the Jobs
17 Act. They amended the Jobs Act to include Title
18 III and Title IV for small companies to raise
19 anywhere from a million dollars down for a Title
20 III raise. And that's a company with no traffic.
21 And that means that anyone in the District of
22 Columbia could actually file, you know, a new

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1 company offering and raise up a million dollars.

2 And part of what the Board would do
3 would be to be able to help raise that money over
4 the Internet.

5 The hurdle for us is that we want to make
6 sure that the African American community and the
7 minority communities can participate as an
8 investor in the offering at the five, six, seven
9 dollar level. You know, if someone just buys one
10 share, it can totally change their lives from a sort
11 of a pre-IPO microcap type concept.

12 And then, Congress has gone so far as
13 to pass the Title IV offering which allows, you
14 know, anyone with the right concept and
15 understanding to raise up to \$20 million which
16 would be a huge, huge, huge homerun for someone in
17 Ward 8 or Ward 7 who's very well educated but who
18 doesn't have an opportunity or any access to
19 capital from, say, the traditional funding sources
20 of his bank or credit union.

21 Those lending sources are available
22 under the present Republican standard. You're

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1 just not going to get those opportunities. This
2 is the only vehicle where someone who's going to
3 school, who's graduated from graduate school, has
4 a great idea, who has an understanding of a
5 particular sector in the economy to really be able
6 to launch his career and sort of live under his own
7 terms.

8 And so what we're basically doing is
9 we're saying, look, Congress has already passed the
10 Jobs Act. They've already amended with Title III
11 and Title IV. Let's bring the District of Columbia
12 and the team to the 21st century and be one of the
13 first quasi-states to codify and say, look, we know
14 that our cost of living is very, very expensive.
15 And as a result, anyone who has a job has the right
16 to aggregate and create retirement savings.

17 Let's codify our law and take the
18 decision-making out of the administrative part of
19 it. Let's codify it and say plus \$3,000.
20 Whatever your administrative rules are, we want
21 residents of the District of Columbia to be able
22 to participate in the Jobs Act under the existing

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1 administrative decision-making process through
2 the mayor's office.

3 And it's very subjective in terms of who
4 might qualify. We need to say, look, wherever your
5 decision-making is, we're going to raise ground
6 zero up to plus \$3,000. And with that, you know,
7 right now, we're not --- the people of the District
8 of Columbia will either say yay or nay at the voting
9 booth.

10 What we would like for you to do is just
11 get us to the point of releasing the petitions so
12 that we can get that feedback, so that they can
13 possibly make the decision of whether or not it will
14 get to the ballot. So we just want to raise ground
15 zero to plus \$3,000. We'd like to --- right now
16 we just want to be able to access that information
17 by petitioning the general public.

18 MR. MCGHIE: Let me attempt to just
19 briefly summarize what I believe your initiative
20 does so that everybody's following along. And you
21 can just tell me yes or no.

22 In order to qualify for TANF and other

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1 social services in the District of Columbia, an
2 individual cannot have assets that are more than
3 \$2,000. Your initiative would increase that to
4 \$3,000 so that they can have total assets going to
5 \$5,000. Is that correct?

6 MR. FLIPPIN: Yes. So I think the big
7 hurdle is, Mr. McGhie, is that I know it's a say
8 yes or no but --

9 (Laughter)

10 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: But that's not
11 going to happen, right?

12 MR. FLIPPIN: Well, assuming we left a
13 few details out. So each individual that wants or
14 needs a subsidy is in a very different situation.
15 So someone who's on SSI is going to have a different
16 calculation, a different formula, that can result
17 in their equation, based on assets. So whatever
18 the levels are for any individual, whatever the
19 variables are, we want to increase that by \$3,000.
20 So yes, in a sense, yes. If the numbers are at
21 \$2,000, it would be \$2,000 plus \$3,000 to equal
22 \$5,000.

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Got it. Okay, any
2 questions? Mr. Gill?

3 MEMBER GILL: No questions.

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions, Ms.
5 Lewis?

6 MEMBER LEWIS: No questions, thank
7 you.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great, thank you.
9 All the best to you. We'll have a decision and move
10 forward accordingly. I think you'll hear from Mr.
11 McGann, I think, with that decision and next steps.

12 MR. FLIPPIN: Thank you very much.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you very
14 much. Mr. McGhie, you've got additional items?

15 MR. MCGHIE: Yes. Let's see, next is
16 final rulemaking to amend Chapters 10, 11, 14
17 through 17.

18 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I think those have
19 already gone through the process, and we need a
20 motion, right?

21 MR. MCGHIE: Yes. So this is for final
22 rulemaking. The purpose of the amendments is to

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1 establish rules for the use of the electronic
2 petitions. That was following the passage of the
3 Ballot Access Modernization Amendment Act of 2017.

4 We've already had the proposed
5 rulemaking, the 30-day period, the public comment.
6 No comments were received. So now I'm asking for
7 this time to adopt this final rulemaking.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Can I get a motion
9 to adopt the final rulemaking? Or do you want
10 questions first?

11 MEMBER GILL: No, motion to adopt.

12 MEMBER LEWIS: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right. All in
14 favor, I agree. So we've got a unanimous. Yes
15 sir, next item.

16 MR. MCGHIE: Next is a petition for
17 enforcement, OCF petitions for enforcement. We
18 have 12 of them that Rudy McGann is going to give
19 you a summary of what each one of the petitions ---
20 what the finding is for and what it is based upon.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Mr. McGann?

22 MR. MCGANN: Good morning.

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Morning.

2 MR. MCGANN: Rudolph McGann, staff
3 attorney for the Board of Elections, Office of
4 General Counsel. The first case is BOE, Docket
5 Number 14C-073, Respondents' Committee is Gaston
6 2014. The fine is in the amount of \$1,900.

7 The Respondent did file eventually.
8 It's an October 10th, 2014, statement. He filed
9 that on December 12th, 2014. The remaining issue
10 and outstanding issue is the fine of \$1,900.

11 The second matter is BOE, Docket Number
12 14C-0E6. The Respondent Committee is Carter
13 At-Large, 2014. The amount of the fine is \$2,000.
14 The missing filing is that the Court receives
15 expenditures from December 10th, 2014. The
16 Respondent has failed to file that. That was the
17 report, and the matter is still open and pending.

18 The third matter is 14C-093. The
19 Respondent Committee is Bruce Majors, Libertarian
20 for Mayor. The fine is in the amount of \$2,000 for
21 the missing December 10th, 2014, receipt of --
22 excuse me, report of the receipts and expenditures.

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1 The next matter is Docket Number
2 15A-011, Respondent's name is Nyasha Harley. She
3 is attorney for Advisory Neighborhood Commission
4 7C01. The amount of the fine was \$2,000. And the
5 missing report was due on March 16th, 2015. Ms.
6 Harley has failed to file the report or pay her
7 fine.

8 The next matter is 15A-016. The
9 Honorable Christi Love Davis, Candidate for
10 ANC-5802. She failed to file the March 16, 2015,
11 report. The amount of the fine is \$2,000. She has
12 not filed a report or paid her fine.

13 The next matter is 15A-018, the
14 candidates of ANC 7C04. The fine is in the amount
15 of \$2,000. The filing that's missing is the March
16 16, 2015, report. And the Respondent has not filed
17 the report nor has she paid the fine.

18 The next matter is 15A-035, Flander
19 Sharp, Candidate for ANC 505, also missing the
20 March 16th, 2015, report. The fine amount is
21 \$2,000 which has not been paid nor has the report
22 been filed.

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1 The next matter is 15C-003, Bell for
2 Ward 8. The missing filing is the February 2nd,
3 2015, report. The fine amount is \$2,000. Neither
4 the fine has been paid nor the report filed.

5 Next matter is 15C-005, Gaston 2015.
6 The fine amount is for \$2,000, and the missing
7 report is from February 2nd of 2015. Neither the
8 fine nor the report have been filed as of today.

9 The next matter is 15C-008, Whitaker 4
10 for Ward 4. Robert Whitaker, Treasurer. The
11 missing filing is the January 31st, 2015, report
12 of receipts and expenditures. The fine amount is
13 \$2,000. Neither the report nor the fine have been
14 paid.

15 The next matter is 15C-016, Bruce
16 Majors, Libertarian, for Mayor. The missing
17 report is the February 20th, 2015, report of
18 receipts and expenditures. The amount of the
19 fine is \$1,400 which has not been paid nor has the
20 report been filed.

21 And last but not least, 15C-020, Carter
22 At-Large, 2014. The fine is in the amount of

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1 \$1,400, the missing filing is the February 20th,
2 2015, report of receipts and expenditures. The
3 fine has not be paid nor has the report been filed.
4 All of these Respondents were notified by
5 electronic mail and regular mail.

6 MR. MCGHIE: Okay, the Office of the
7 General Counsel is requesting an audit of the
8 issues of each one of these matters so that the
9 Office of the General Counsel can take this to the
10 Court for enforcement of the OCFIs. Okay, so I'm
11 looking for a motion to allow us to do that.

12 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, can I get a
13 motion to allow us to move forward with that in
14 order to enforce the response?

15 MEMBER GILL: Motion to move forward.

16 MEMBER LEWIS: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All in favor, all
18 three.

19 MEMBER GILL: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And as so,
21 unanimous. Please report.

22 MR. MCGHIE: Okay. The last thing on

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1 my agenda is the litigation status update. Both
2 of these matters were as a result of the Nominating
3 Petition process that we recently had. These were
4 appeals of the Board's decisions denying these
5 individuals final access.

6 The first one was Calvin Gurley, a
7 candidate for chairman of the Council. He had an
8 insufficient number of signatures. He filed his
9 petition for review over at the Court of Appeals
10 on April 26th. The Board filed his motion for
11 summary permits on April 27th. And we're just
12 awaiting a Court decision.

13 Same thing with Aaron Holmes. He was
14 a candidate for a council member at large. He
15 filed his petition for review on April 26th. We
16 filed our motion for summary affirmance on April
17 27th. And we're waiting on the Court decision.
18 And that would conclude my litigation status
19 update.

20 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, any questions
21 from the Board? Ms. Lewis?

22 MEMBER LEWIS: No questions.

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great. The
2 next item is the executive director's report. Ms.
3 Miller?

4 MS. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
5 The first item on my agenda is we have some polling
6 place relocations and final relocations. I'm
7 going to call on Mr. Arlin Budoo, our facilities
8 support manager, to put these matters on the record
9 before the Board.

10 The first one is the emergency proposed
11 final relocation for Precinct Number 14. Mr.
12 Budoo, you want to explain that?

13 MR. BUDOO: Yes. Good morning. My
14 name's Arlin Budoo, facilities operations manager
15 for the Board of Elections. And I'm bringing by
16 the Board today of, well, not even the proposed
17 relocation, but I'm asking for an emergency basis
18 relocation for Precinct Number 14, which is the
19 Mathematical Association of America Carriage House
20 Meeting Space, which served as Precinct Number 14
21 in past elections.

22 This facility will not be available for

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1 the 2018 primary election because of pre-scheduled
2 activities. Unfortunately, the Board did not
3 learn of this conflict until April 9th of 2018,
4 despite having emailed a request for the space on
5 December 17th, 2018. After we reviewing the
6 polling place confirmation sheets that I did email
7 on that date, I noticed that I had not received back
8 their documents confirming the use of the space.

9 And then, I went out to the location and
10 hand-delivered the confirmation sheets to them at
11 the time. I was met by staff who informed me that
12 there would not be a problem.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Can you, for the
14 record, Mr. Budoo, just state the address of the
15 location itself?

16 MR. BUDOO: Yes. It's 1781 Church
17 Street, NW. And the location is the meeting place.

18 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And what ward is
19 this in, Ward 2?

20 MR. BUDOO: This is in Ward 2, yes, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great. Please
22 continue.

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1 MR. BUDOO: Okay. As I mentioned
2 earlier, the Board was notified on April 9th, 2018,
3 that the site would be unavailable. This will be
4 a temporary relocation. We will return. We are
5 able to return to the MAA Carriage House space for
6 the general election.

7 Therefore, I'm requesting that we
8 relocate to the Whittemore House located at 1526
9 New Hampshire Avenue, NW. And we will be using the
10 ballroom at that location.

11 I will put on the record that the
12 facility is accessible with slight modifications.
13 When I say slight modifications, the ramp on the
14 side of the building does not meet ADA standards.
15 So there is a slight incline on that ramp. So
16 therefore, it will be --- it's inaccessible due to
17 slight modifications that we could work around
18 with.

19 I want to say the polling space is
20 excellent. The lighting is excellent, there is
21 street parking. If you know about the Dupont
22 Circle area, there are no parking lots in that area.

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1 And there was a limited amount of facilities to
2 attempt to relocate within that area as well.
3 Currently the MAA at Precinct Number 14, we were
4 using this outside of Precinct 14 by a couple of
5 blocks.

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So it's how far.
7 How far is the Whittemore House from the Carriage
8 House?

9 MR. BUDOO: It's around the corner
10 about three blocks.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: About three blocks?

12 MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. And the only
14 issue is you said there were slight modifications
15 that were needed ---

16 MR. BUDOO: Slight modifications with
17 the ramp. The ramp does not meet the --- it's a
18 slight incline. It's steeper than the ADA
19 standards. So it may be an upheaval, maybe a
20 couple of inches. So that's what I'm going to put
21 the record there. It does not meet the ADA
22 guideline standards.

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Will we be able to
2 modify that slightly to be able to meet those
3 requirements?

4 MR. BUDOO: We will work with them as
5 well as I work with Ms. Jennings. I'm going to take
6 her out to observe the location this week.

7 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. I want to
8 make sure that we meet the ADA requirements --

9 MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- that were put out
11 internally.

12 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

14 MR. BUDOO: So again, I'm asking that
15 we relocate, and I ask the Board's approval of the
16 relocation for Precinct Number 8. I'm sorry, it's
17 Precinct Number 14.

18 And I'm also asking the approval for
19 previously submitted relocations for Precinct
20 Number 8, which we were currently at the Palisades
21 Recreation Center located at 5200 Sherier place,
22 NW, gymnasium. I'm asking that we relocate and

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1 approve the Palisades Neighborhood Library located
2 at 4901 V Street, NW. And we'll be using the
3 multipurpose room.

4 And the next relocation for approval is
5 Precinct Number 29 which is the Second District
6 Police Station located at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW,
7 community room. And we'll be relocating to the
8 Washington Hebrew Congregation located at 3935
9 Macomb Street, NW. And we'll be using the
10 multipurpose room there as well.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Now, all the
12 relocations you mentioned after Carriage House are
13 ones that we have already looked at before --

14 (Simultaneous speaking)

15 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- and we had done
16 all the ADA requirements and ---

17 MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- all that kind of
19 stuff? So can we just deal with those by
20 themselves? And then I want to go back to the
21 Carriage House --

22 MR. BUDOO: Okay, no problem.

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- if that's okay.
2 Does that work for the other Board members? Okay.
3 Was there anything else Mr. Budoo?

4 MR. BUDOO: No, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So we want to get
6 motion on the approval of those, of everything
7 except for Carriage House right now.

8 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And we'll deal with
10 that second.

11 MR. BUDOO: No problem.

12 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So can I get a
13 motion for ---

14 MR. BUDOO: Precinct Number 8 and
15 Precinct Number 29.

16 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. If they're
17 going to turn 29, we want it to be noted there.

18 MEMBER GILL: Motion to move forward.

19 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Ms. Lewis?

20 MEMBER LEWIS: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right. And
22 that carries, third for me. And so let's go back

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1 to the Carriage House.

2 MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And I have a couple
4 of questions.

5 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So the first
7 question is is that we're going to do everything
8 we need to do to make sure that we have all of our
9 internal approvals from the ADA perspective,
10 right?

11 MR. BUDOO: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. And
13 secondly, if for some reason or other that location
14 is not sufficient, but you'll know that relatively
15 quickly?

16 MR. BUDOO: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: They'll be able to
18 get back to us so we can consider someplace else
19 other than the, like, other than the Whittemore
20 House.

21 MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Those are

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1 the questions I had. Ms. Lewis, you have a
2 question?

3 MR. SINDRAM: Mr. Chair, may I ask you
4 a question?

5 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, sir.

6 MR. SINDRAM: The ADA assessment, who
7 will undertake that for the Carriage House?

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Ms. Jennings will
9 take that.

10 MR. SINDRAM: Very good, thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, okay. Mr.
12 Gill, do you have any questions?

13 MEMBER GILL: No, I don't have any
14 questions.

15 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. So what I
16 want to do is I want to approve that. I want to
17 get a motion to approve that relocation subject to
18 final ADA approval.

19 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. And then if
21 indeed there is some issue, then I want you to call
22 us back, like, as soon as possible with a new

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1 location. And we'll just do a digital meeting to
2 consider approval of a new location.

3 MR. BUDOO: No problem.

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

5 MS. MILLER: Mr. Chairman?

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes.

7 MS. MILLER: May I ask, can we work with
8 the Office of Disability Rights as well? Is it
9 possible to get a temporary ramp there? Is that
10 a possibility?

11 MR. BUDOO: Yes.

12 MS. MILLER: Okay. So I think that's
13 something we can also look to.

14 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

15 MS. MILLER: If the ramp is not
16 something that is workable, we can work with the
17 District government to get a temporary ramp that
18 may be a fix ---

19 MR. BUDOO: Right.

20 MS. MILLER: -- for this election. So
21 I would ask that you do that as well.

22 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I have every
2 confidence that everything will be in compliance.
3 You guys have been just fantastic in making sure
4 all this happens. And then I think we do a stellar
5 job going to the ADA compliance. But I also want
6 to give you the opportunity, if for some reason
7 though you're not able to make it, to come back to
8 us relatively quickly to get another decision.

9 The other thing is that when do you
10 think you're going to be able to get notice out to
11 the folks who use that precinct?

12 MR. BUDOO: For Precinct Number 14?

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes.

14 MR. BUDOO: Once you make a finding, I
15 would send out notifications that day. We try to
16 send out at least 30 days out from each election
17 to let them know that the polling place has
18 relocated. So then it'll be fresh ---

19 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So all this is going
20 to happen within the next week?

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Right. And the
22 relocation will also go into the voter's guide, as

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1 well.

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. All
3 rightie. And there'll be notices at the old ---

4 MR. BUDOO: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- at the Carriage
6 House with the new location?

7 MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great. I don't
9 have any additional questions. So can I get a
10 motion?

11 MEMBER GILL: Motion to move forward.

12 MEMBER LEWIS: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right. So the
14 motion --- and the motion carries unanimously. So
15 if indeed there is an issue with ADA, please come
16 back to us quickly.

17 MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So we can consider
19 for approval another location.

20 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Thanks so
22 much.

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1 MR. BUDOO: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Ms. Miller?

3 MS. MILLER: Thank you. So I'm just
4 going to talk a little bit about everything that's
5 going on with respect to the election. As you
6 know, the June election is set for June 19th. And
7 we are in full swing for preparation for the June
8 19th primary election.

9 All divisions of the Agency have all of
10 our responsibilities that are, at this point,
11 overlapping. And everyone is focused on those
12 responsibilities that are associated with the
13 election.

14 Having said that, training, poll worker
15 training is in full swing. I did provide you all
16 with the poll worker manual. And I want to
17 recognize Karen Dyson. I don't see her, but
18 everyone had their hands into preparing this
19 manual.

20 We had a number of table reads. I see
21 a lot of staff sitting out there who were involved
22 with table reading this manual to make sure that

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1 it was Is dotted, Ts crossed, for a number of days,
2 on, and on, and on, and on, to get it right.

3 And I'm sure, while we've tried to get
4 it right, there's probably a period that's missing
5 or semi-colon that's in the wrong place. But
6 nonetheless, this is the end result. And this is
7 what the trainers are using as they train the poll
8 workers.

9 So I think they did a yeoman's job on
10 it. I just want to recognize the staff that put
11 this together. And poll workers are using this,
12 as I said, to train poll workers. So this is the
13 outcome of some sleepless days, I would say, to get
14 it done.

15 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Outstanding.

16 MS. MILLER: Thank you for that.
17 Early voting has started. Early voting poll
18 worker training began on April the 9th. The
19 recruitment is well underway.

20 So far, we have recruited 333 early
21 voting poll workers. They have been trained to
22 work the nine early voting sites for all early voter

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1 voting. Because all have been trained with our
2 ADA-compliance training that has taken place as
3 well. And I recognize Terrica Jennings on that.

4 We've also begun training for election
5 day. The training began on April 23rd and will
6 continue through June 29th. To date, we have
7 recruited and placed 1,916 persons in the training
8 classes. The goal is to recruit and train 2,250
9 poll workers for election day.

10 We've also recruited 24 area reps. The
11 goal for that is for 30 area reps. So we do have
12 six that we need to retrain. We don't anticipate
13 any problem with the remaining six, but we still
14 need an additional six area reps. Our training for
15 -- area rep training will be June 16th. And that's
16 our normal process for area rep training, Saturday
17 before the election.

18 More coordinators have been recruited.
19 And we're currently --- they're coming out in the
20 field working on behalf on the Board assisting with
21 voter registration and absentee voting. We have
22 18 more coordinators. They were all trained on

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1 April 12th. They're doing voter outreach and
2 working with the election worker division.

3 With our Ward coordinators, 13 voter
4 registration outreach events have been completed,
5 six sites in Wards 1 through 4, seven sites in Wards
6 5 through 8. For first time visits, voter
7 registration and absentee ballot requests have
8 been taking place.

9 There have been a number of
10 organizations that have responded to our call for
11 Adopt a Precinct which is a first time thing that
12 we're doing in the District of Columbia.
13 Organizations will be adopting --- requesting two
14 precincts. And some of their election workers and
15 volunteers will be divided between different
16 locations.

17 I'm especially happy to say that the
18 National Football Player's Association is one of
19 our entities that have responded to the Adopt a
20 Precinct call. And they'll be working with us this
21 year by adopting a precinct in the District of
22 Columbia.

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1 And so that's just some of our
2 activities that we're doing in preparation for the
3 election. We will, on Saturday, begin our logic
4 and accuracy testing at the warehouse. So the
5 staff there will start testing all of our election
6 equipment for readiness as we prepare to get it out
7 for early voting on election day.

8 I did present testimony for the
9 Committee on the Judiciary on April 13 regarding
10 physical Year 2019's budget. A copy of the
11 testimony is available for you. The Committee
12 oversight chairman, Council member Charles Allen,
13 was focused on ensuring that our budget would meet
14 our needs for FY '19.

15 He specifically is interested in
16 expanding the number of early voting precincts for
17 the upcoming years, mainly focusing on 2020. He
18 wants to add at least one additional early voting
19 precinct in each ward so that we have two early
20 voting precincts in every ward, as well as adding
21 additional equipment in each ward.

22 So I think we'll be able to do that with

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1 HAVA money that the District is planning to
2 receive. That's an additional \$3 million which
3 we've been designated to receive as soon as we set
4 up, through the Office of Finance and Resource
5 Management, a process that we have to do to get the
6 grant funding. So we're working on doing that as
7 well.

8 The other thing that we will be doing
9 with that \$3 million is, as I explained on the
10 record before the Council, is to put some things
11 in place for security, cyber security training,
12 and cyber security personnel which is a big focus
13 for this HAVA grant money.

14 The federal government is very focused
15 on making certain the systems are secured, that we
16 have security personnel in place. And so some of
17 that money will go towards that funding as well.

18 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

19 MS. MILLER: And I also want to put on
20 -- let you all know that we did send out a postcard
21 to all of our non-affiliated voters to make them
22 aware of the eligibility to vote in the upcoming

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1 June primary on the initiative measure.

2 We sent a total of 72,218 postcards
3 mailed to every voter who is not affiliated with
4 a major party to let them know that the initiative
5 was going to be on the ballot, and they are going
6 to be eligible to vote on that initiative.

7 With respect to the voter registration
8 procurement -- voter registration, system
9 procurement, we have put --- the technical
10 evaluation panel has reviewed all of the proposals.
11 They finished their work last week. Of the five
12 proposals that were submitted, the individual
13 proposers came and demonstrated for the team their
14 product. The panel is ---

15 (Off the record comments)

16 MS. MILLER: The panel is now in the
17 process of -- the end of their process. They will
18 meet for a consensus meeting at the end of next
19 week, I believe. And after that, they will submit
20 their recommendation to the Office of Contract and
21 Procurement. And at that point, the Contracts and
22 Procurement will then finalize the process. We

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1 are at the end of a long road ---

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right.

3 MS. MILLER: -- to this selection for
4 the voter registration system.

5 Our ballot lottery was conducted on
6 Friday, April 27th, for the ballot position. As
7 Mr. McGhie just indicated, we did have two
8 candidates that challenged the outcome of their
9 nominating petition. So we have to await reports
10 -- decision on that. However, their names were put
11 in the lottery, so they are tentatively on the
12 ballot until we hear back from the Board.

13 So their positions are in place right
14 now, but we do need to have a quick decision,
15 because the ballots for the UOCAVA, our military
16 and overseas ballots, are scheduled to go out no
17 later than Friday.

18 MR. SINDRAM: Mr. Chair, what are those
19 two names?

20 MS. MILLER: Those were the ones that
21 Mr. McGhie just mentioned. And that's Calvin
22 Gurley and --- what was the other one?

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Holmes.

2 MS. MILLER: And Holmes, Aaron Holmes.

3 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you.

4 MS. MILLER: Yes. And I think that's
5 fine.

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great. Any
7 questions from Ms. Lewis?

8 MEMBER LEWIS: No, but this training,
9 poll worker training operations manual is
10 fantastic.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I agree.

12 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Absolutely. Mr.
14 Gill?

15 MEMBER GILL: No questions.

16 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. I think
17 we're going to move you up on the agenda next time,
18 Ms. Montgomery, before Mr. McGhie, so we have a
19 chance to hear from the Office of Campaign Finance
20 at an earlier point. So we're going to switch this
21 agenda around next time. But since we didn't this
22 time, Ms. Montgomery, of Campaign Finance, your

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1 report please?

2 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes, good
3 morning. First thing that I would like to mention
4 on the record again is that the Office of Campaign
5 Finance is moving to its new location on Friday,
6 May the 11th.

7 And we will be open in our offices on
8 Monday, May the 14th, at this location which is 1015
9 Half Street, SE, and we will be on the seventh floor
10 in Suite 775. Our offices will be
11 administratively closed on the 11th. Our phone
12 numbers will remain the same.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Outstanding. And
14 I must say, it'll be nice to have both the Office
15 of Campaign Finance and the Board of Elections in
16 the same facility, on the same floor --

17 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- right next to one
19 another.

20 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: I agree.
21 And it will certainly be much easier for the public
22 to do business.

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1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes.

2 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: During the
3 month of April, there were two report dates. The
4 first report date was April the 1st, 2018, report
5 of receipts and expenditures, which was due on
6 April the 2nd from the Constituent Service programs
7 as well as the Statehood Fund program.

8 With our Constituent Service programs,
9 there are nine required filers. All nine timely
10 filed. And also all nine electronically filed
11 their reports with the Agency.

12 With the Senator and Representative,
13 the Statehood Fund programs, there are three
14 required filers. Two timely filed, there was one
15 late filed. And the late filed report was referred
16 to the Office of the General Counsel. And all
17 three filers electronically filed our report ---
18 filed their reports.

19 April the 10th was the filing deadline
20 for the filing of the second report of receipts and
21 expenditures for committees supporting and
22 opposing Ballot Initiative Number 77. There were

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1 two required filers, and both timely filed, and
2 electronically filed their reports with the
3 Agency.

4 Again, with the referrals to the Office
5 of the General Counsel, the Statehood Fund,
6 Franklin Garcia, Theodora Brown, Treasurer, was
7 referred. And that, again, was for failure to file
8 timely the April the 1st report of receipts and
9 expenditures.

10 We had 44 candidates and committees who
11 registered during the month of April. With
12 respect to the names of those candidates and
13 committees, they will be included in our stats
14 which will be available on our website by the close
15 of business today.

16 During the month of April, we also
17 conducted three entrance conferences. The first
18 was on April the 11th, 2018. The participants were
19 Rustin Lewis, Candidate, Friends of Rustin Lewis,
20 Sheldon King, Treasurer, Friends of Rustin Lewis.
21 Chuck Thies, Treasurer of What's Going PAC. Emily
22 Gasoi, Candidate, Emily for Education, Leana

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1 Trowbride, Treasurer, Emily for Education.
2 Andrea Thomas, Candidate, Andrea Thomas for D.C.,
3 Ann Hoffman, Treasurer, Andrea Thomas for DC.
4 Amir Flippin, Treasurer, Money Supply Increase
5 Referendum Committee. Margaret Smith, Treasurer,
6 Legalization of Retail Cannabis in the District of
7 Columbia 2018. Franklin Garcia, Candidate,
8 Franklin for DC 2018. Merry Rutrick, Candidate,
9 Merry Rutrick for Democratic State Committee.
10 Nestor Djonkam, Candidate, Nestor 4 Council
11 Committee, Anita Purvis, Treasurer, Nestor 4
12 Council Committee.

13 On April the 19th, there were two
14 participants at our entrance conference. The
15 first was Dorothy Douglas, Candidate, Ward 7, DC
16 Democratic State Committee. The second was
17 Melissa Jones, Treasurer, Jessica Sutter, School
18 Board of Education --- State Board of Education.

19 On April the 25th, the participants
20 were David Schwartzman, Candidate, the Committee
21 to Elect David Schwartzman 2018, Dean Murville,
22 Treasurer, the Committee to Elect David

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1 Schwartzman 2018. Anne C. Wilcox,
2 Candidate/Treasurer, Committee to Elect Anne
3 Wilcox 2018. David Blaha, Treasurer, NO2DC77
4 Committee, Initiative Committee --- No, I'm sorry.
5 I think it's NO2DC77 Initiative Committee.
6 Zachary Parker, Candidate/Treasurer, Committee to
7 Elect Zachary Parker 2018. LaMonica Jeffrey,
8 Candidate, LaMonica is Listening Campaign
9 Committee, John Frazier, Jr., Treasurer, Lamonica
10 is Listening Campaign Committee. Ernest Edward
11 Johnson, Candidate, Committee to Elect Ernest
12 Johnson Mayor.

13 In our Audit Division during the month
14 of April, the Audit Division conducted 53 desk
15 reviews of the reports of receipts and expenditures
16 from our PACs, as well as from our Constituent
17 Service Funds, and our Senator Representative
18 Statehood Fund, as well as from our Principal
19 Campaign Committees.

20 In terms of ongoing audits in the Audit
21 Branch, at this time we have no outstanding
22 full-field audits. We do have periodic random

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1 audits which are ongoing. The first are of the
2 candidates of the 2018 election. And that was with
3 respect to the January 31st, 2018, filing. Re-elect
4 Muriel Bowser our Mayor, again, that was initiated
5 on March the 5th, 2018. Karl Racine, 2018, was
6 initiated on March the 5th, 2018. Kenyan
7 McDuffie, 2018, was initiated on March the 22nd,
8 2018.

9 With the periodic random audits of our
10 political action committees with respect to the
11 January 31st, 2018, filing, Food Service PAC, and
12 that random audit was initiated on March the 5th,
13 2018. Periodic random audits of our Constituent
14 Service programs, and those audits will be on April
15 the 1st, 2018, filing, Phil's Fund for Citizen
16 Service, Ward 3 Constituent Services Fund, and the
17 Evans Constituent Service Fund.

18 The audit notification letters were
19 issued on April the 19th, 2018. And the records
20 from the program are due on May the 7th, 2018.

21 We also issued two final audit reports
22 during the month of April, Dionne for DC, which was

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1 issued on April the 19th, 2018, and Verizon
2 Communications Inc. Good Government Club, which
3 was issued on April the 3rd, '18. And both of those
4 audits are available for public view at our
5 website. And both of those audits were compliance
6 audits.

7 And I would ask the General Counsel from
8 the Office of Campaign Finance, William Sanford,
9 to give the report of the Office of the General
10 Counsel.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great, thank you.

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

16 During the month of April 2018, the
17 Office of the General Counsel received four
18 referrals. One referral came from the Public
19 Information and Records Management Division. And
20 three referrals were from the Reports Analysis and
21 Audit Division. All the referrals were of
22 principal campaign committees.

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1 The Office of the General Counsel
2 completed 15 informal hearings and issued 15 orders
3 which included the following. Eleven orders were
4 issued for failure to timely file reports in which
5 no fines were imposed. And four orders were issued
6 for failure to timely file reports in which a total
7 of \$5,050 in fines were imposed.

8 Fines were imposed against the
9 following respondents. A fine of \$1,650 was
10 imposed against the Gertrude Stein Democratic PAC.
11 A fine of \$1,650 was imposed against Justin Green
12 At-Large Principal Campaign Committee. A fine of
13 \$1,550 was imposed against the 1199 SEIU PAC, and
14 a fine of \$200 was imposed against the Aaron Holmes
15 for DC Principal Campaign Committee.

16 During the month of April 2018, the
17 Office of the General Counsel collected a total of
18 \$1,550 in fines. The fines were paid by the
19 following respondents. A fine of \$1,500 was paid
20 by Jeffrey Thompson in accordance with an
21 installment plan between Mr. Thompson and the
22 Office of Campaign Finance. And a fine of \$50 was

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1 paid by Angel Alston in settlement of a case that
2 had been resolved before the Board of Elections
3 during a pre-hearing conference.

4 During the month of April 2018, the
5 Office of the General Counsel did not have any help
6 in the investigation. However, during the month of
7 April 2018, the Office of the General Counsel issued
8 one interpretive opinion. That request was
9 received from Clinton LeSuer on March 9th, 2018, and
10 it was issued on April 6th, 2018.

11 The request involved a registration
12 requirement of a political action committee. Mr.
13 LeSeur had registered a political action committee
14 identified as Run Vince Run with the Federal
15 Elections Committee but had not registered that
16 committee with the --- that political action
17 committee with the Office of Campaign Finance.

18 We advised him that, in view of the fact
19 that he was encouraging a local politician to run
20 in a local --- to seek a local elective office, he
21 was required to register. To date, Mr. LeSeur has
22 not registered. And so that matter is still under

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1 review by the Office of the General Counsel.

2 And finally, during the month of April
3 2018, there were no show cause proceedings
4 conducted by the Office of General Counsel. And
5 that should conclude my report.

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you, Mr.
7 Sanford. Ms. Montgomery?

8 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: That
9 completes the report of the Office of Campaign
10 Finance.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill, do you
12 have any questions?

13 MEMBER GILL: No questions.

14 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I have no questions.
15 Thank you very much. We're at the point of the
16 agenda for public matters. Are there any questions
17 or any matters that the public would like to bring
18 before the Board?

19 MR. SINDRAM: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Mr. Sindram,
21 could you give your name and address please, sir?

22 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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1 Michael Sindram, disabled veteran, served our
2 country more than most, 6645 Georgia Avenue, NW,
3 Washington, D.C., appearing by phone.

4 From the outset, Mr. Chair, let me say,
5 from the Board members and Campaign Finance, I can
6 hear clearly. However, from the witness stand,
7 it's very difficult to hear what's being said. For
8 instance, the General Counsel, Campaign Finance,
9 and the presenter of the ballot initiative, it was
10 very difficult to understand what was being said.

11 And I thank you, Mr. McGhie, for your
12 clarification of that ballot initiative. That was
13 very helpful. With regard to that ballot
14 initiative ---

15 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Sindram, let me
16 just kind of respond to that. I think --- and
17 thanks for that note, we really need to make sure
18 that our media is such that we can combine our phone
19 system and our mic system here in this facility
20 together so that when somebody calls in they're
21 actually hearing what is going through the mics.

22 And some that may be a dysfunction of

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1 having voice-over IP. But anyway, but we are going
2 to work on that. And that's something that's on the
3 agenda, Mr. Sindram. So thanks for that.

4 MR. SINDRAM: I can hear you clearly as
5 you just spoke. But again, from the witness table,
6 it's very difficult.

7 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes. But that's
8 because we're sitting on two different systems. So
9 we're going to try and combine those. So thank you.

10 MR. SINDRAM: All right. And with
11 regard to the ballot initiative, I wanted to maybe
12 ask a question or a suggestion. As I understand Mr.
13 McGhie and the presenter, the initiative is to raise
14 the TANF, SSI model from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

15 So my question is will that affect out
16 of pocket medical expenses? In other words, when
17 you, you know, are a TANF recipient, you are a SSI
18 disability recipient, there is a provision in law
19 that offsets your out of pocket medical expenses.
20 So will this initiative impact that? Will it have
21 any effect?

22 And, you know, maybe you guys don't know

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1 about that yet, but maybe just take it under
2 advisement to see if that's going to affect it at
3 all.

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes. What we'll
5 do, Mr. Sindram, is make sure that you have an
6 opportunity to ask that question, particularly to
7 Mr. McGann, who can also share with the proponent
8 so they have an opportunity to respond to that. And
9 it's actually adding \$3,000, not going from \$2,000
10 to \$3,000, actually adding \$3,000 to the \$2,000
11 minimum now.

12 MR. SINDRAM: So that's going to max it
13 at \$5,000?

14 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, sir.

15 MR. SINDRAM: Oh.

16 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: That's what I
17 gather.

18 MR. SINDRAM: Great, great. That's
19 good. When you opened the floor to the Board, you
20 didn't indicate the public, so I didn't want to
21 interrupt.

22 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: No, I appreciate

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1 that. Thank you.

2 MR. SINDRAM: Yes. Item 2, I
3 appreciate the Board, and I got to tell you, Ms.
4 Jennings is outstanding with your ADA sensitivity.
5 The Office of Disability Rights, Matt McCollough is
6 very good, very learned in the law. In fact, he did
7 a walk-through in our building here at Franklin Park
8 that I missed.

9 I'll just say that the dynamic duo of
10 Matt McCollough and Ms. Jennings would do a yeoman's
11 job being a collaborative team to make certain that
12 the Carriage House and anywhere else is
13 ADA-compliant.

14 My concern is this, as presented to the
15 Council with Committee Chair Nadeau, there is on the
16 books the American Disabilities Act 1990. There's
17 a movement afoot to erode the disability inroads
18 that have been made thus far on a federal level.

19 So we, at the state level, need to step
20 up. All to say that right now on the books, as
21 Director McCollough, Office of Disability Rights,
22 indicates, he lacks a lot or much enforcement power.

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1 Sad but true.

2 So my suggestion and question to the
3 Board, as you said, since I have your ear, can we,
4 can you devise some kind of initiative or input?
5 Maybe, Mr. McGhie, this would come under your
6 bailiwick, to see what can be done to enhance and
7 enforce accessibility.

8 Because clearly, this affects the
9 polling sites. So it's inextricably interwoven.
10 So I would respectfully request it be taken under
11 advisement. And maybe an initiative can be
12 formulated in-house, however that's done, to give
13 greater enforcement to the Office of Disability
14 Rights and also to the Board when there are
15 accessibility violations.

16 Because right now, from what I gather,
17 there's not much. And even though something may be
18 on the books, it's not enforced, sad but true. So
19 what sense does it make to have a law on the books,
20 and you can't enforce it?

21 MR. MCGHIE: Okay.

22 MR. SINDRAM: And last but not least,

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1 the Attorney General race, Karl Racine, he's
2 headquartered there at 441 4th Street. I've had
3 occasion to be there after hours for a meeting. And
4 Attorney General Racine has had his petition
5 gatherer -- signature gathers there which have been
6 very aggressive, and that's putting it mildly. And
7 I think maybe it even hinges on a violation of the
8 Hatch Act.

9 So if we can send a message, you know,
10 to the Attorney General, who should be more alerted
11 to what's going on, that he is the chief enforcer,
12 you know, in our District, of law. And for his
13 folks, his representatives, assignees, if you will,
14 are violating with impunity, sends a dangerous
15 message.

16 So if the good Attorney General could be
17 alerted that his signature gathers are overstepping
18 the line, they're just not approaching, but they're
19 very aggressive, again, that's putting it mildly,
20 intimidating. And that ought not to be.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Well
22 certainly, your comments are a part of the record

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1 here, Mr. Sindram, and which are a public matter.

2 So ---

3 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- we certainly
5 appreciate that.

6 MR. SINDRAM: And thank you for your
7 indulgence, Mr. Chair.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right. Thank
9 you, Mr. Sindram. Any other public matters?

10 (No audible response)

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Hearing none, with
12 that this meeting is adjourned. And thank you very
13 much, everyone.

14 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
15 went off the record at 11:49 p.m.)

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