

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

In Re: )  
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Sulaimon Brown for Mayor Principal )  
Campaign Committee ) No. 11-001  
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Gray for Mayor Principal Campaign )  
Committee )  
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**ORDER**

On Sunday, March 6, 2011, and Monday, March 7, 2011, the Washington Post published articles concerning former mayoral candidate Sulaimon Brown’s allegations that he negotiated with representatives of Vincent C. Gray’s mayoral campaign committee, the Gray for Mayor Principal Campaign Committee (“Gray for Mayor”), to obtain a District government job in exchange for mounting a political attack against then-Mayor Adrian M. Fenty.<sup>1</sup> According to the articles, Mr. Brown also asserted that he received cash payments from Gray for Mayor representative Lorraine Green and Gray for Mayor consultant Howard Brooks to finance his campaign. As a result of the allegations raised in the Washington Post articles, the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”) will initiate an investigation of both Gray for Mayor and the Sulaimon Brown for Mayor Principal Campaign Committee (“Sulaimon Brown for Mayor”).

The Director of OCF is responsible for the conduct of all investigations of alleged violations of the District’s Campaign Finance Act (“the Act”).<sup>2</sup> Depending on the outcome of an investigation, it is the Director that must either “institute ... an action ... against the alleged violator[.]” of the Act, and “present evidence of a violation ... in an adversarial and open hearing” before the Board,<sup>3</sup> or dismiss the matter.<sup>4</sup> On March 7, 2011, the Board received notice from OCF Director Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery that she was recusing herself from participating in the investigation due to a family relationship (in-law) with Howard Brooks.

In light of Director Collier-Montgomery’s recusal, the Board has decided that, solely for the limited purpose of this investigation, the General Counsel for OCF, William SanFord, will discharge the duties of the Director of OCF.

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<sup>1</sup> See Nikita Stewart, *Mayor Gray: No Quid Pro Quo*, WASH. POST, March 6, 2011, at A1; Tim Craig et al., *Gray Urges Probe of Reports*, WASH. POST, March 7, 2011, at A1.

<sup>2</sup> See D.C. MUN. REGS. tit. 3, § 3700.1 (2007).

<sup>3</sup> D.C. MUN. REGS. tit. 3, §§ 3706.1, 3706.2 (2007).

<sup>4</sup> See D.C. MUN. REGS. tit. 3, § 3705.1 (2007).

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**

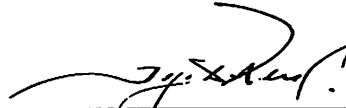
that the General Counsel for OCF, William SanFord, shall discharge the duties of the Director of OCF with respect to the Gray for Mayor/Sulaimon Brown for Mayor investigation.

It is further **ORDERED**

that Mr. SanFord shall discharge the duties of the Director of OCF as prescribed above until the Gray for Mayor/Sulaimon Brown for Mayor matter is conclusively resolved by the entry of a final order by either OCF or the Board.

March 8, 2011

Date



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Togo D. West, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Elections and Ethics

Charles R. Lowery, Jr.  
Member, Board of Elections and Ethics