



City of Hamilton

ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 23-002
Date: June 16, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Room 192, 1st Floor (hybrid) (RM)
71 Main Street West

Carrie McIntosh, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 2729

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7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.2 CONSIDERATION OF CLERK'S REPORTS

- a. Contributors who Appear to have Contravened the Contribution Limits under Section 88.9 of the Municipal Elections Act – Annie Seketa (FCS23066) (City Wide)

*a. Christine Seketa - Written Submission from Candidate

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- b. Contributors who Appear to have Contravened the Contribution Limits under Section 88.9 of the Municipal Elections Act – Anthony Puddu (FCS23067) (City Wide)

*a. Donna Puddu - Written Submission from Candidate

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*8. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

*8.1 May 11, 2023 - Private Deliberation Minutes

Pursuant to subsection 12.10(5) of the Election Compliance Audit Committee Procedures and subsections 88.33(5.1), 88.34(9.1), 88.35(4) and 88.36(6.1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended*.

**Written Statement from Christine Seketa, Ward Candidate, 2022 Municipal Election
on behalf of Annie Seketa, Contributor**

Committee Date: June 16, 2023

To the Chair and Members of the Election Audit Compliance Committee Meeting,

1. My name is Christine Seketa and I make this statement in support of Annie Seketa, who is my mother. This written statement is true and to the best of my knowledge and belief. I submit this statement on her behalf in her absence and my absence out of country on the committee date.
2. Last August 16, 2022, I registered as a candidate for councilor in the City of Hamilton. My campaign was primarily self-funded and well below my contributions from myself and my spouse. To support her daughter, Annie Seketa had offered to donate toward my campaign, the maximum allowed of \$1,200. It is her first and only contribution to a municipal campaign. She was made aware and understood, and I accepted her one-time contribution. I was and remain accountable for her.
3. On the final day within the last hour 2 p.m. deadline, I had completed in hand-written form in my financial statement and then filed my election financing statements in person on March 31, 2023, accepted at 1:18pm. In my haste, I had mistaken a 5 for 2 in the contribution amount line.
4. It is entirely my clerical error for the correct amount of \$1,200 in accounting. This is the true and actual amount from my sole contributor, even from a family member, and my mother toward my self-funded campaign.
5. I respectfully request that the compliance audit committee decide that Annie Seketa did not contravene as per Section 88.9 (1) of the Act. I also request that the Audit Compliance Committee accept the clerical error identified in my filed financial statement, and if necessary, an extension until September 28, 2023, to withdraw and submit my statement with the corrected \$1,200 for my only contributor.

Re: Contribution Limits Contributor Anthony Puddu Candidate Donna Puddu

City Clerk's Office Hamilton City Hall

Unfortunately, it has come to my attention that during my 2022 municipal election campaign, there was an error in reporting my son Anthony Puddu's contributions, mistakenly stating that he exceeded his contribution limit. After thorough investigation, we discovered that this was a simple misallocation of funds in my financial statement. I deeply apologize for this mistake and I am committed to resolving this situation promptly. Running a campaign with a small team can be incredibly stressful, and unfortunately, this error slipped through the cracks.

Throughout my campaign, my son Anthony Puddu volunteered and provided assistance in various tasks, including ordering marketing materials from VistaPrint using my account. Two purchases of brochures were made, with the first amounting to \$319.71, and the second costing \$321.60. I diligently recorded these expenses in my ledger. Regrettably, I mistakenly attributed the first purchase as a contribution from my son. It is important to note that my son had access to my funds for campaign-related expenses, and he facilitated these purchases through my account with my approval. None of these purchases were actually paid for by Anthony, as evidenced by the attached VistaPrint receipts, which clearly show that the billing was attributed to myself, Donna Puddu.

The other contribution that I marked from my son Anthony was his video work. He volunteered his time to film several campaign videos, and no discussion of payment took place. I aimed to maintain complete transparency in my reporting and document the origin of my media, so I valued his videos as an in-kind contribution worth \$1000, as an estimation of what he would have charged someone for similar work as a freelancer. No money exchanged hands between my son and myself at any point during the campaign, and no invoices were generated.

This was solely a reporting mix-up, and I sincerely apologize for the confusion caused. I hope that the supporting receipts I have provided will be sufficient to rectify this situation, as this error occurred in an honest attempt to be transparent. My son's direct financial contribution to the campaign was \$0. If there is any additional information required, please let me know, and I would be more than willing to discuss further details.

Sincerely,

Donna Puddu



Tax Invoice



Invoice Number:	0202516129	Vistaprint Canada Corporation
Invoice Date:	2022-08-09	333 Bay Street, Suite 2400
Payment Date:	2022-08-09	M5H 2T6
Shipped Date:	2022-08-09	Toronto
Order Number:	VP_200D12F6	Canada
		HST/GST #: 75761 0928 RT0001

Billed to:

donna puddu

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
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Shipped to:

Anthony Puddu

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Order Summary

Item	Qty	Net Amount
Standard Business Cards	1000	\$110.00
Custom Flyers	1000	\$131.94
	Subtotal	\$241.94
	Shipping	\$40.99
	HST	\$36.78
	Total	\$319.71

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Invoice Number:	0203363490	Vistaprint Canada Corporation
Invoice Date:	2022-09-20	333 Bay Street, Suite 2400
Payment Date:	2022-09-20	M5H 2T6
Shipped Date:	2022-09-20	Toronto
Order Number:	VP_3THH7DZV	Canada
		HST/GST #: 75761 0928 RT0001

Billed to:
donna puddu

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[REDACTED]
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Shipped to:
donna puddu

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Order Summary

Item	Qty	Net Amount
Custom Flyers	3000	\$263.61
	Subtotal	\$263.61
	Shipping	\$20.99
	HST	\$37.00
	Total	\$321.60

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