

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

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