

September 25, 2020

Louise Hansen

City Elections Officer

City of Portland Auditor's Office

Dear Ms. Hanson,

I received notice of your complaint 2020-31-JM; and I would like you to give you my response to the allegations.

I made my contribution back in May on the candidates online giving format. When I gave the contribution of \$500, and it was accepted, I had no knowledge that campaign cycle meant the primary and the general election. I believed that the cycles were defined similarly to federal elections, meaning two cycle, primary and general. Clearly by giving the maximum for the cycle I wasn't trying to get around any law. The money was then returned four days later and never used by the campaign. I heard nothing regarding this giving until your notice over 4 months later.

I wasn't trying to bypass any law or rule and would never have broken the law had I known the definition clearly of campaign cycles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JM', is positioned above the typed name 'Jim Mark'.

Jim Mark