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COMPLAINT NO. 2020-37-DR
AUDITOR'S OFFICE INITIATED COMPLAINT
CITY OF PORTLAND

COMPLAINANT:

City Elections Office

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RESPONDENT(S):

Dan Ryan

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Dan Ryan for Portland

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Law/Code/Charter/Rules:

Portland City Charter § 3-303
Portland City Code 2.10.030

Summary:

The City Charter and City Code require the Auditor's Office to issue a complaint when provided a reason to believe that a violation of Campaign Finance Regulations may have occurred. See Portland City Charter 3-305(d) and Portland City Code (PCC) 2.10.050 D.

From August 6-11, 2020, the Auditor's Office received information providing a basis of reasonable belief of potential violations of Campaign Finance Regulations by Dan Ryan for Portland. The Auditor's Office initiates this complaint to pursue further investigation.





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Allegation(s):

The Auditor's Office alleges violation(s) of Campaign Finance Regulations, in that Dan Ryan for Portland produced one or more communication to voters that did not prominently disclose the top five dominant contributors that paid to provide or present the communication.

1. Dan Ryan was a candidate for the August 11, 2020, Commissioner Position No. 2 special runoff election. Dan Ryan was a Candidate as defined in PCC 2.10.080 A.
2. Dan Ryan for Portland is the principal campaign committee of Dan Ryan, and is a Candidate Committee as defined in PCC 2.10.080 B.
3. In August 2020, the City of Portland Election's Office received emails from Dan Ryan for Portland as follows:
 - a) Received August 6, 2020: Email with subject line, "Last week, best week."
 - b) Received August 7, 2020: Email with subject line, "Four More Days!"
 - c) Received August 8, 2020: Email with subject line, "The home stretch."
 - d) Received August 9, 2020: Email with subject line, "My lived experience."
 - e) Received August 10, 2020: Email with subject line, "One day more."
 - f) Received August 11, 2020: Email with subject line, "From my living room."
 - g) Received August 11, 2020: Email with subject line, "Election update."
4. The emails listed above failed to prominently disclose the candidate committee's top five dominant contributors as is required in PCC 2.10.030 A.

Timeline for Response and Investigation:

Under PCC 2.10.050 E. 3., you have until 5:00 PM on August 26, 2020, to submit a written response to this complaint along with any relevant, supplemental materials. Please submit any such materials electronically, using the above-referenced case name, to elections@portlandoregon.gov. At this time, the Auditor's Office can only guarantee receipt of materials if sent by email.

After the 10-business-day period for submitting a written response, our office will render a decision within another 10 business days.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

DATE: August 12, 2020

Prepared by:

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