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RE: Over contribution under section 88.9 or 88.9.1 during 2018 Toronto Municipal Elections

Honorable Compliance Audit Committee members:

I am a professional Electrical Engineer, living and working in Sarnia with my two beautiful children and wife. Khuram Aftab is my elder brother who ran for city councilor during Toronto's 2018 municipal elections from ward 13. I contributed \$2000 to his campaign and canvassed various areas to get support for him. Recently, I received a letter from city clerk, saying I have exceeded contribution limits under section 88.9 or 88.9.1 of the act and that compliance committee shall decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against me.

Before contributing, I did check City of Toronto's website and found this document at following link

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/elections/candidate-information/rules/>

named "Contribution Rebate Program" which did not mention any of the above sections or contributing limits for individual candidate. I am enclosing this document along with this letter for your reference.

After talking to City Clerk's office, this is my understanding that this by law of over contribution is being implemented first time. Lack of knowledge of this by-law and unfamiliarity of Mr. Khuram and myself to election campaigns contributed to this unintentional violation. This was my first time contributing to any political campaign and I beg your pardon not to proceed with any legal action against me. I am hoping this committee will consider my request and waive any fines as well. To ensure this never happens again I'll check all relevant resources before making any type of contribution to any party.

Sincerely yours

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Contribution Rebate Guide for Contributors

Contribution Rebate Program

- Toronto City Council has authorized a contribution rebate program for **individuals** who make monetary contributions to candidates running for council in the 2018 municipal election.
- Municipal campaign contributions are not eligible for federal income tax purposes
- Corporations and trade unions are prohibited from making contributions to candidates
- Contributor information is posted on the City's website for contributions totaling more than \$100.
 - Searchable contributions on the website shows contributor's name, postal code, contribution amount and the name of the candidate they supported
 - The scanned copy of the candidate's financial statement lists the contributor's name, address and the contribution amount
- A contributor cannot contribute more than a combined total of \$5,000 to multiple candidates on the same Council. Doing so may result in a fine up to \$25,000 or imprisonment
- Rebates can total a maximum of \$1,000 and are based on all contributions made to **all** candidates in the election
 - For example, if a contributor gave \$500 each to three different candidates, the rebate is based on the total contribution of \$1,500
 - Refer to the reverse side of this guide for the rebate formula and sample rebate calculations

Rebates are paid after:

- The candidate has closed their campaign, filed an audited financial statement and complied with all requirements under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the Contribution Rebate by-law
- The compliance audit period has passed (90 days after the candidate's financial filing deadline)
- Any proceeding in relation to a compliance audit has been completed

Applying for the Rebate

Once the contributor receives a rebate form from the candidate, they must:

- Fully complete the Rebate Application section
- Keep a copy of the form for their records
- Mail the original form to Election Services, 89 Northline Road, Toronto, ON M4B 3G1
 - A contributor may mail the rebate form immediately after receiving it from the candidate or at any time up to the deadline date.

Election Services must receive the rebate form by 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 30, 2019.

Rebate Formula

Total contributions of \$25 or less are not eligible for a rebate

Total contributions between \$25.01 and \$300

- Formula: total contribution amount x 75%
- Sample: \$200 x 75% = \$150 rebate

Total contributions over \$300 but not more than \$1,000

- Formula: total contribution amount minus \$300 x 50% + \$225
- Sample: \$650 - \$300 = \$350 x 50% = \$175 + 225 = \$400 rebate

Total contributions over \$1,000

- Formula: total contribution amount minus \$1,000 x 33 1/3% + \$575
- Sample: \$2,200 - \$1,000 = \$1,200 x 33 1/3% = \$400 + \$575 = \$975 rebate

\$1,000 is the maximum rebate payable.

Sample Rebate Calculations

Total Contributions	Rebate		Total Contributions	Rebate
\$25 or less	0.00		1,100.00	608.33
25.01	18.76		1,200.00	641.67
50.00	37.50		1,300.00	675.00
100.00	75.00		1,400.00	708.33
200.00	150.00		1,500.00	741.67
300.00	225.00		1,600.00	775.00
400.00	275.00		1,700.00	808.33
500.00	325.00		1,800.00	841.67
600.00	375.00		1,900.00	875.00
700.00	425.00		2,000.00	908.33
750.00	450.00		2,100.00	941.67
800.00	475.00		2,200.00	975.00
900.00	525.00		2,275.00	1,000.00
1,000.00	575.00		over 2,275	1,000.00