The financial statement the candidate filed on March 11, 2021 (here referred as "the Statement") was incorrect and incomplete, and did not comply with the Municipal Elections Act., 1996 (here referred as "the Act").

- The statement disclosed that the candidate only received contributions of goods (450 pieces of used sign wood stakes, valued at \$1350.00, \$3.00 each and 200 pieces of used sign H-stands valued at \$200, \$1.00 each) from herself. Although she recorded such contributions as expenses, the candidate did not include the said receipts when she filed the statement and participated in the contribution rebate program. (Attachments M1-M14: Financial Statement filed by the candidate.)
- The candidate did not disclose the contributions of any used signs. The candidate was running for the office of School Trustee in 2018 Election and was elected. Attachment M15 (Invoice #2305, dated 18/12/2020 from Print Resources Group) revealed that the candidate got sign stickers/labels printed for 1190 signs (420+200+570). It suggested that the candidate had these 1190 used signs, but the statement did not disclose expenses of these 1190 used signs.
- <u>Attachment M16</u> (Invoice # 2020703. Dated December, 9, 2020) showed that the candidate purchased 3000 lawn signs and 1200 elections signs. There were 3000 lawn



signs and 2390 election signs used in the campaign, requiring 3000 H-stands and at 4780 stakes to set up all these signs.

- 4. <u>Attachment 17</u> indicated that the candidate rented 150 sign stakes and 250 sign H-stands from Toronto Danforth Federal NDP; <u>Attachment M18</u> indicated that the candidate rented 100 sign stakes and 250 H-stands from University Rosedale Provincial NDP; <u>Attachment 19</u> indicated that the candidate rented 500 H-stands from Beaches East York Federal NDP. These 250 stakes and 1000 H-stands were claimed to be rentals ---- Did these DNP associations run renting services? Or were they providing ineligible contributions to the candidate campaign?
- 5. <u>The candidate only disclosed the said expenses of</u> <u>700 (450+250) stakes and 1200 (200+1000) H-</u> <u>stands. The candidate did not disclose the expenses</u> <u>of 4080 (4780-700) sign stakes and 1800 (3000-</u> <u>1200) sign H-stands, valued at</u> <u>\$ 3x4080+\$1x1800=\$14040, according her own</u> <u>valuation, plus HST if newly purchased.</u>
- 6. The statement did not disclose that the candidate received contributions of endorsement services from Tasnim Maherall, Co-chair of Sir Samuel B Steele Jr Public School; Dr. Joseph Y.K. Wong, founder of the Yee Hung Foundation; All five Scarborough trustees. The candidate did not issue



the receipts of the said contributions and record them as expenses. <u>2018 Candidates' guide for Onratio municipal</u> <u>council and school board elections (here referred as "the</u> <u>guide") did exclude the things that are not contributions: the</u> <u>value of free political advertising, provided that such</u> <u>advertising is made available to all candidates and is in</u> <u>accordance with the Broadcasting Act (Canada) is not</u> <u>considered to a contribution.</u> The said endorsements were made available only to the candidate.

- 7. The statement disclosed that only 17960 out of 74000 pieces of flyers were mailed to the households via Canada Post by Downsview Publishing and Distribution (Attachment M20-M21). The candidate did not disclose the receipt of Canada Post, therefore, how much discount the candidate campaign received through this mailing service of Downsview Publishing and Distribution remained unknown. *The guide states: a corporation cannot make a contribution. If you are given a special discount on a good or service that you are purchasing for your campaign, you should record the expenses as if you were not given the discount (since the value of the discount is considered to be a contribution of the good or service to your campaign).* Therefore, the discount and the service charges should be added to the expenses.
- 8. The candidate disclosed that she hired about 11 phone bankers, but did not disclose expenses of the campaign line installation (Attachments M22-M33).



- 9. The candidate disclosed the professional expenses of Bruno Marchese (Attachment M34-M37). The invoices indicated that Bruno managed all booking matters for the campaign, including managing the bank account, receiving donations, paying for invoices, dealing with the city clerk and their EFFS system. Most of the services were for the campaign until the voting day. Accounting charge of \$215.07 was after the voting day.
- 10. The statement disclosed that the candidate received funds of \$71992.67(\$13677.66 + \$58315.01) from her supporters. As she did not disclose the details of these funds, how much of the funds were borrowed from her supporters' credit card companies. These funds were loans, rather than contributions. Whether these loans had been paid back to the credit card companies during his campaign remains unknown. The statement disclosed that there were \$1948.85 merchant bank fees. The processing expenses of these loans were the campaign expenses, and so were the interest expenses of the loans. The guide only permits the candidate to get a loan from a bank or other recognized institutions in Ontario, and it must be paid directly into the candidate's campaign account. The candidate may not receive a loan from family members, let alone the supporters.
- 11. The statement disclosed that the candidate received \$13677.66, the total contribution from each contribution of \$100 or less. The candidate disclosed that there were



only \$56.36 bank charges incurred until voting day. The candidate received more than 300 counts of contributions. That suggested that most of the contributions were processed by the merchant bank who deposited big amounts of the funds into the candidate's campaign account.

- 12. The statement did not disclose the bank statements of the candidate's campaign account, therefore, whether the candidate deposited every contribution into her campaign account or paid every expense from her campaign account including any of the bank charges, remained unknown.
- The candidate did not disclose the contribution/expenses of her campaign office and her campaign website, <u>www.mannawong.ca</u>.