EA4.4: Compliance Audit Application by Francis Kung for the Election Campaign

Auditor's comments on Francis Kung complaint June 29, 2023

1a shared event costs
It is possible that as an invited speaker at a Tory meeting that FN did not incur any costs; if costs were incurred, they may have been included in reimbursements to Geno Orsi (Chq 131, $1560.94). They were not included in reimbursements to Cesar Palacio (Ch1 128 ($855.74) or 130 ($192.20). Tory costs were apparently included in "Other expenses: Tour and travel", and subject to the limit.

1b Missing lawn signs in opening inventory
Lawn signs reused are reported in the return and have been grouped into large or small.

1c Other omitted expenses
No other omitted expenses have been identified.

2. Fundraising tickets
It is unclear how the applicant reached this conclusion.
Ticket sales were carefully aggregated on an individual basis for purposes of the Form 4; and contributions traced individually to scans of cheques, and the individual components of all batched deposits to the bank. Ticket sale information was reconciled to the detailed contributions list. Where cases of overcontribution were identified, these funds were reported as returned / returnable to contributors as identified in the return.
It is noted that Schedule 2 reports Admission charges paid; while Schedule 1 reports Amounts received, and Amounts returned. Returned amounts may include over-contributions and amounts paid on behalf of another person, and may or may not relate to Fundraising Admission charges.

3. Shared trustee costs
This allegation relates to Mr. Hassan's filing which apparently is not the subject of a formal complaint. It appears to suggest that Hassan's campaign was financially supported by Nunziata. Hassan's return reports total expenditures of $8,500 including $2,500 Brochures costs.
The high level of scrutiny of Nunziata's contributions, the reconciliation thereof to bank records, and the full reconciliation of expenses to individual invoices, and a surplus of $3,073 payable to the Clerk,
It is noted that Nunziata incurred expenses subject to the limit that are $7,152 less than the applicable limit.

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