

September 23, 2024

Compliance Audit Committee
City Hall, 10th Floor, West Tower
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear: Compliance Audit Committee

**Re: Mr. David Singer's Election Contributions
Compliance Audit Committee, October 7, 2024**

We represent Mr. David Singer and Ms. Jennifer Shnaider in relation to the above noted matter. On September 13, 2024, Mr. Singer received a Notice of Hearing, stating that it appears Mr. Singer exceeded contribution limits under section 88.9 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. We write to clarify that Mr. Singer has not exceeded the contribution limits as suggested. Rather and as set out further below, there has been a misattribution of a campaign donation as a result of an administrative error related to a contribution made by Ms. Shnaider from a joint bank account she holds with Mr. Singer.

We have reviewed the Notice of Hearing and supplemental BDO report provided to Mr. Singer, and believe it is important to bring to the Compliance Audit Committee's attention that one of the three contributions attributed to Mr. Singer was actually made by Ms. Shnaider. More specifically, the contribution of \$2,500 to the campaign of Josh Matlow on October 17, 2023, was made from Ms. Shnaider from a joint account she holds with her husband. The donation cheque, enclosed for your consideration, is signed by Ms. Shnaider.

The above noted misattribution appears to have originated in Mr. Matlow's campaign office as they sent the associated contribution rebate form to Mr. Singer instead of Ms. Shnaider. Unfortunately, the error was compounded by Mr. Singer, who receives much paperwork to execute, when he inadvertently signed the contribution rebate form without realizing that it related to a contribution made by Ms. Shnaider and that the rebate should have been addressed to her instead. Attached to this letter, we have provided an excerpt of the inadvertently signed contribution rebate form for your review and consideration.

Mr. Singer rescinds his previously submitted contribution rebate request in relation to Mr. Matlow's campaign on account of it being submitted in error. Ms. Shnaider requests that a contribution rebate form in her name be sent to her attention as soon as possible so that she may complete the particulars and have it submitted for consideration.

Mr. Singer's campaign contributions, properly accounted for, total \$3,350, which is below the \$5,000 contribution limit. Accordingly, we expect that there is no further action to take on this matter and that the Compliance Audit Committee is satisfied that Mr. Singer has **not** exceeded contribution limits under section 88.9 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Yours truly,

Goodmans LLP

Rodney Gill
Partner
RG/ms
Encl.

Attachment 1: Ms. Shnaider’s Contribution to Josh Matlow’s Campaign

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MR DAVID J SINGER OR
MS JENNIFER SHNAIDER

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DATE 2023-09-26
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PAY TO THE ORDER OF JOSH MATLOW CAMPAIGN \$ 2,500.00
Two Thousand Five Hundred — 00/100 DOLLARS

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PRIVATE CLIENT SERVICES, PRIVATE BANKING
220 COMMERCE VALLEY DR. WEST, SUITE 300
MARKHAM, ONTARIO L3T 0A8

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Attachment 2: Mr. Singer’s Inadvertently Signed Contribution Rebate



Receipt & Application
Contribution Rebate

To be eligible to receive a rebate on your contribution(s), you can either:

- Visit www.toronto.ca/elections and claim your rebate online, **OR**
- Fill out all sections of the form below and mail it to 89 Northline Rd, Toronto, ON M4B 3G1

The rebate claim deadline is **4:30 p.m. on August 12, 2024**. Keep a copy of this application for your records.

Contribution Receipt (completed by candidate)

Election 2023 By-Election for Mayor	Date Received 17 / 10 / 2023	Amount Received \$2,500.00	Receipt No.  119213
Contributor Last Name or Single Name Singer			
Contributor First Name David			
Contributor Mailing Address 51 Shallmar Blvd		Unit	City Toronto
			Postal Code M6C 2K2
Candidate Name Matlow, Josh			Office/Ward Mayor/Ward 0
Candidate Signature 			Date (yyyy/mm/dd) 2024/01/22