

Date: Friday, November 29, 2024

Compliance Audit Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario

Subject: Response to Contribution Limit Concern

Dear Members of the Compliance Audit Committee,

I am writing in response to the notice regarding my contributions to the campaign of Jessica Hines during the 2023 municipal by-election for Ward 20 Scarborough Southwest.

I have reviewed the reports provided, and I now understand that the contribution limit for individuals to a candidate's campaign is \$1,200. I realize that my in-kind contribution of \$1,500, in the form of web design services, exceeded this limit.

I would like to provide some context regarding this situation:

- I am a professional web designer and offered my services to Jessica Hines at a discounted rate as a gesture of support for her campaign. Jessica is a friend, and I wanted to contribute in a way that utilized my skills to assist her.
- At the time, I was not aware that in-kind contributions, such as professional services, are subject to the same monetary limits as cash contributions under the Municipal Elections Act. Since no money changed hands and it was my service being provided, I had no idea that such limits applied to this type of support.
- I now understand the rules governing campaign contributions, including the limits for in-kind support, and will ensure strict adherence to these regulations in the future. I regret any inconvenience or challenges this may have caused and assure the Committee that this was an unintentional oversight.

I respectfully ask the Committee to consider these circumstances and my good-faith intentions when reviewing this matter. Please let me know if further clarification or additional information is required.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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