

## Application for a Compliance Audit

*Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched.*

### Instructions:

Applications for a compliance audit of a candidate or third party advertiser's election campaign finances for the Town of Oakville municipal election can be:

- hand delivered or sent by regular mail to Town of Oakville, Attention: Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON, L6H 0H3
- sent by fax to 905-815-6015 to the attention of the Town Clerk, or
- emailed to [elections@oakville.ca](mailto:elections@oakville.ca)

Compliance audit applications for the Halton Regional Chair must be sent to the Regional Clerk.

### Applicant Information

Name: Scott Barber

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Address or description of property that qualifies the applicant as an elector in The Regional Municipality of

Halton: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Personal Phone: [REDACTED]

Business Phone:

### Candidate/Registered Third Party Advertiser Information:

Municipality: Town of Oakville

Name: Julia Hanna

Registered for: Mayor, Oakville

Financial Statement Filing Date: January 3, 2023

### Reasons for Compliance Audit

In the space below, provide the reason(s) why you believe the candidate named above has contravened the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* relating to campaign finances. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Total number of pages submitted (including attachments):

4 pages submitted

## Confirmation

☒ I confirm that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I am eligible under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, to vote in an election held in The Regional Municipality of Halton.



Signature of Applicant

Date: July 28, 2023

## Office Use Only:

Received by:

Date:

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Subject: Request for compliance audit of Julia Hanna's Financial Statements

Dear Compliance Audit Committee:

I am writing to submit a formal request for a compliance audit of Julia Hanna's mayoralty campaign of 2022, as reported in her financial statements submitted January 3, 2023. Based on the limited information, submitted in the form 4, I believe there are sufficient discrepancies and oddities in the reported finances that warrant further investigation.

The late submission of this report is what first raised interest and below I have outlined 5 specific instances that raise concerns regarding Candidate Hanna's financial statements. With regard to Candidate Hanna's filing:

- 1) Page 1, Box A, Contribution Limit section; the reported \$25,000 in this section does not match page 4, Schedule 1 – Contributions, Contributions in Money from candidate and spouse of \$16,739.24 and there are no further accessible "Notes\*" that explain the odd timing or odd amount of the partially explained donation. Was there additional candidate donations via goods and services that was not reported? Why the discrepancies between the two reported figures.
- 2) Page 2 of 7; Box C, Expenses section, Signs (Including sign deposit) line; this number seems particularly low considering the volume of signs and in comparison to the filing by Mr. Burton. Even the most casual observer would have seen that Candidate Hanna had twice the number of signs and the figure warrants deeper investigation.
- 3) Page 2, Expenses Section, Office expenses incurred until voting day line; Candidate Hanna maintained an office at 700 Kerr Street. When comparing to Candidate Burton's filing (with no office) – I find the reported figure of \$2453.24 to be far too low to encompass rent in a newer building along with the supplies required to run an office.
- 4) Page 2, Expenses Section, Phone and/or internet expenses incurred until voting day line; I received several phone calls from Candidate Hanna; she used the phone, was the phone free? In addition the "other" line "Data & Software" of \$28015.76 would suggest Candidate Hanna was actively using digital products; finally I note that Candidate Hanna had an active social media presence that would suggest some expenses in the phone and internet report.
- 5) Page 2, Expenses Section, Bank Charges incurred until voting day line; These charges seem far too high considering no bank loan and in comparison to Candidates Burton's filing.
- 6) With regard to Candidate Hanna's submitted spread sheet of donors there at least 14 donors with an ineligible address, no address or who list a commercial address for the donation. My understanding is that donations must be personal.
  - a. Erin Watts, Glen Hansen, Patricia Hansen have no addresses listed are they eligible to donate in Oakville?
  - b. 6 separate donations from individuals with the last name Guglietti list an address that seems to be ROSEHAVEN HOMES, My understanding is that donations must be personal.

- c. John Krpan, Michael Degroote, Derek Blakely, Doug Campbell and David Bazar have all listed commercial addresses, My understanding is that donations must be personal.

Based on these discrepancies and oddities in Candidate Hanna's filing I strongly believe a compliance audit is necessary to ascertain the accuracy and completeness of Candidate Hanna's financial statements.

I kindly request that the Committee review this submission against Candidate Hanna's submission and take action to ascertain the submission is complete, accurate and transparent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Barber", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Barber