#### MANDATORY CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES FOR CITY OF DUBLIN ELECTIVE OFFICES

#### **CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This form must be filed with the Clerk of Council:

- By 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, 32 days before the date of an election (October 6, 2017)
- By 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, 11 days before the date of an election (October 27, 2017); and
- By 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, 38 days after the date of an election. (December 15, 2017)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 31.08 of the Dublin Codified Ordinances, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 94-09 and 03-12 requires candidates for City of Dublin elected offices and their campaign committees to file this disclosure statement. This statement is in addition to any reports or statements that candidates must file as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.10 and notwithstanding any statement or reports not required to be filed under the same chapter of the Ohio Revised Code.

Each disclosure statement shall include an itemized description of every contribution or in-kind contribution received and every expenditure made since the most recent disclosure form filed by the candidate and campaign committee. Aggregate expenditures and contributions must be indicated on this form, as requested. The names and addresses of each contributor and recipient of expenditures must also be provided.

This report will be published on the City's website, in the Dublin Villager, or any other accepted medium, as designated by Council.

Any candidate or campaign committee that fails to file a required report or fails to provide any information required in any such report is guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor.

In addition to these requirements, Section 31.07 of the Dublin Codified Ordinances prohibits candidates for City of Dublin Council and their campaign committees from accepting more than \$150 (ward elections) or \$250 (at-large elections) in campaign contributions or in-kind contributions combined from any person, political action committee, separate segregated fund, political contributing entity, campaign committee, political party or other organization per calendar year.

## DUBLIN CODE RE. CAMPAIGN FINANCE

#### § 31.07 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

(A) *Contribution limitation.* No person, political action committee, separate segregated fund, political contribution entity, campaign committee, political party or other organization, as such terms are defined in R.C. Chapter 3517, shall make and no candidate for ward Council member shall accept a contribution or in-kind contribution combined from the same source of more than \$150 per calendar year and no candidate for at-large Council member shall accept a contribution or in-kind contribution combined from the same source of more than \$250 per calendar year. The contribution limitations may be reviewed by Council every four years beginning in 2012 to determine whether a decrease or increase is warranted. Council may consider basing its increase or decrease rationale on the yearly average of the previous four years of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as determined by the United States Department of Labor or successor entity.

(B) Application.

(1) This section shall apply to all candidates for all elected city offices and political action committees, separate segregated funds, political contributing entities, political parties, and any other organization making an expenditure, as such term is defined in R.C. Chapter 3517 in support of or in opposition to candidates for city elected offices.

(2) This section shall not apply to services provided without compensation by persons volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a person, ordinary home hospitality, or the personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that volunteer campaign worker.

(C) *Contribution definition.* Contribution means any money, loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, which contribution is received for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. The date of a contribution is the date that it is received, not the date of deposit or the date on a check.

(D) In-kind contribution definition. In-kind contribution means anything of value other than money that is used to influence the results of an election or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a candidate, campaign committee and that is made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefitted candidate or campaign committee. When disclosing in-kind contributions pursuant to § <u>31.08</u> a candidate or campaign committee shall give a fair market value to the in-kind contribution.

(E) *Candidate resources.* The limitations imposed by this section shall not apply to contributions of a candidate's own resources to the candidate's own campaign.

(F) Independent expenditures. The limitations imposed by this section shall not apply to independent expenditures. Independent expenditures shall mean expenditures by a person, political action committee, separate segregated fund, political contributing entity, unaffiliated campaign committee, political party, or other organization advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates.

(Ord. 50-99, passed 5-17-99; Am. Ord. 04-09, passed 5-4-09)

## § 31.08 CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE.

(A) Definitions.

(1) Unless stated otherwise in this section, for the purposes of this section, the words and phrases used herein shall have the meanings set forth in R.C. Title 35. Contribution and in-kind contribution shall have the same meaning as in § 31.07. Expenditure means the disbursement or use of a contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an election.

(2) Expenditures shall be disclosed by candidates for city elective office as of the date they are paid. The date listed for each expense should be the date that a check or other payment instrument is mailed, handed over or transmitted.

(B) *Application.* This section shall apply to all candidates for all elected city offices.

(C) *Computation of time.* Notwithstanding any other provision in the City Codified Ordinances, any reporting dates set forth below shall be computed using calendar days counting each day.

(D) Candidate disclosure statements. In addition to the registration and reporting requirements contained in R.C. Chapter 3517, no candidate for city elective office shall fail to file a signed campaign financial statement with the Clerk of Council pursuant to the deadlines as set forth in § 31.08(E)(1) through (E)(3).

(E) Deadlines for candidate disclosure statements.

(1) By 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, 32 days before the date of the election, reporting each contribution and all in-kind contributions and each expenditure as of the date and time of the filing;

(2) By 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, 11 days before the date of the election, reporting each contribution and all in-kind contributions and each expenditure as of the date and time of the filing; and

(3) By 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, 38 days after the date of the election reporting each contribution and all in-kind contributions and each expenditure as of the date and time of the filing. The statements required under this section shall be filed in addition to any other provisions of state law and notwithstanding any provisions of state election law that exempt from reporting requirements contributions under a minimum amount.

(F) *Contents of pre-election disclosure statements.* The statements filed on the Friday, 32 and on the Friday, 11 days before the general election by candidates for elective city offices shall include a list of each contribution received, all in-kind contributions, and the name and address of each donor, an aggregate total of all contributions and in-kind contributions received, and a list of each expenditure of contributions made during the campaign period, and the recipient of each expenditure.

(G) *Contents of post-election disclosure statements.* The statements filed on the Friday, 38 days after the general election by candidates for elected city offices shall include a list of each contribution and in-kind contribution received after the date for the statements filed 11 days before the election, and the name and address of each donor, an aggregate total of all contributions and in-kind contributions received after the date for the date for the statements filed 11 days before the election, and a list of each expenditure of contributions made after the date for the statements filed 11 days before the election, and a list of each expenditure of contributions made after the date for the statements filed 11 days before the election.

(H) *Publication.* The Clerk of Council shall publish the candidate disclosure statements discussed in divisions (F) and (G) of this section on the city's web site or other generally accepted medium, as designated by Council.

(I) *Review.* The Director of Accounting and Auditing shall review all candidate disclosure statements filed under the provisions of this section for compliance and shall refer to the Director of Law any matter which appears to possibly conflict with or violate any of the provisions of this section.

(J) *Ohio law.* The provisions of the laws of the State of Ohio pertaining to elections that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall remain in full force and effect and shall apply in addition to the requirements of this section. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the laws of the State of Ohio and the provisions of this section, the provisions of this section shall control.

(Ord. 51-99, passed 5-17-99; Am. Ord. 80-03, passed 7-21-03; Am. Ord. 04-09, passed 5-4-09; Am. Ord. 03-12, passed 2-13-12)

## § 31.09 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENFORCEMENT.

(A) *Contribution limit penalties.* Any candidate or person who knowingly refuses or fails to comply with the requirements of § 31.07(A) is guilty of a third degree misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than three times the amount accepted. A political action committee, separate segregated fund, political contributing entity, campaign committee, political party, or other organization violating § 31.07(A) shall be fined not more than three times the amount accepted.

(B) *Return of contribution.* In the event that a candidate returns to its source any contribution or contributions received from that source in excess of the amounts permitted under the provisions of this chapter within five business days of the receipt of such excess contribution, such excess contribution shall not be considered to have been solicited or accepted by such candidate and the candidate, person, political action committee, separate segregated fund, political contributing entity, political party, or other organization will not be liable under the provisions of this section.

(C) *Candidate disclosure statement penalties.* Any candidate who fails to file any disclosure statement required under § <u>31.08</u>, knowingly files inaccurate information, or fails to provide information required in any such report is guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor.

(D) *Reporting.* Any person with personal knowledge of a violation of §§ 31.07 or 31.08 may report such information on a sworn affidavit to the Director of Law. The Director of Law shall transmit sworn affidavits to the City Manager, who shall consult with the Director of Law to hire Special Counsel who shall investigate the allegations and prosecute violations. The Director of Law shall also transmit to the City Manager matters referred from the Director of Accounting and Auditing under § 31.08(I), and the City Manager shall consult with the Director of Law in the same manner to hire Special Counsel. If Special Counsel determines that there is probable cause to prosecute, Special Counsel shall prosecute the matter in the Franklin County Municipal Court.

(Ord. 04-09, passed 5-4-09)

## **SIGNATURE**

By signing below, I swear or affirm that this statement and any additional attachments have been prepared or carefully reviewed by me, and constitute my complete, truthful and correct disclosure of all required information.

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Name: Christina Alutto

Date: <u>12/15/2023</u>

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND & SUMMARY INFORMATION**

NAME Christina Alutto	
STREET ADDRESS 8900 Turin Hill Ct N	
CITY Dublin STATE OH ZIP CODE 43017	
OFFICE SOUGHT City Council at large	
NAME OF TREASURER Christina Alutto	
TYPE OF REPORT	
32 DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION	
11 DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION	
_X 38 DAYS FOLLOWING ELECTION	
Cumulative total of all contributions received, from campaign start through current report	
<u>date</u> (from Statement of Contributions Received	
total)	<u>\$</u> 0
Cumulative value of all in-kind contributions received, from campaign start through current report	
date	
(from Statement of In-Kind Contributions Received total)	\$ <u>0</u>
Cumulative total of all expenditures made,	
<u>from campaign start through current report</u> date	
(from Statement of Expenditures total)	\$ <u>0</u>

#### STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Contributions means any money, loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, which contribution is received for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. Pursuant to Section 31.07 of the Dublin Codified Ordinances, no combined contribution and in-kind contribution from any person, corporation, or organization can exceed \$150 in ward elections or \$250 in at-large elections. If you need more space to fully answer any question, attach additional sheets, with your name and the applicable question number(s) on each sheet.

- Every contributor's name, complete address, date of contribution and amount contributed must be listed, regardless of amount of the contribution.
- The State block should be completed with the US. Post Office's standard two-letter abbreviation. For example, Ohio would appear as OH.
- The Date block should be completed with six digits. For example, March 9, 2008, would appear as 03 09 08.
- The date of a contribution is the date that the candidate or an agent of the campaign committee receives the contribution. It is not the date of deposit or the date on the check. For example, if a candidate announces a campaign fundraiser to be held on November 1, 2009, and on October 28, 2009, an individual gives the campaign treasurer a check to attend the fundraiser, the Date block would appear as 10 28 09.
- The form in which the contribution is received must be indicated, such as check, cash or money order. Cash means currency or coin.
- A contribution received from a statewide political action committee must list its state registration number. A contribution from a federal political action committee must include its federal registration number.
- You should not list the names of two contributors in the Full Name of the Contributor field. Each contribution received from individuals must be attributed to a single person. When a check has more than one individual listed on it, ask who the actual contributor is or list the person who signed the check.
- Contributors may not remain anonymous by request. If a contributor does not want to be identified, the contribution should not be made. However, if an anonymous contribution is received, efforts must be made by the committee to identify the contributor. If the efforts are unsuccessful, the contribution should have an explanation of the circumstances that caused it to be anonymous and a description of the efforts made to determine the contributor's identity. This information should appear in the address portion of the contribution page entry.

## **Statement of Contributions Received**

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Name of Committee in Full								
Full Name of Contributor			Regis	Registration Number, if PAC				
Street Address						Form (Cash, Check, etc.)		
City	State	Zip Code	M	D	Y	Amount		
Full Name of Contributor			Regis	tration N	umber,	if PAC		
Street Address						Form (Cash, Check, etc.)		
City	State	Zip Code	М	D	Y	Amount		
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Street Address						Form (Cash, Check, etc.)		
City	State	Zip Code	М	D	Y	Amount		
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#### STATEMENT OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

In-kind contribution means anything of value other than money that is used to influence the results of an election or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a candidate, campaign committee and that is made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate or campaign committee. These contributions shall be given a fair market value by the candidate or the campaign committee. Pursuant to Section 31.07 of the Dublin Codified Ordinances, no combined contribution and in-kind contribution from any person, corporation, or organization can exceed \$150 in ward elections or \$250 in at-large elections. If you need more space to fully answer any question, attach additional sheets, with your name and the applicable question number(s) on each sheet.

- The Statement of In-Kind Contributions Received form is used to report when the candidate or campaign committee receives items or services. All in-kind contributions must be itemized. For example, if someone donates postage stamps for use by the committee, the form would show the date they were received, the name and street address of who gave them, that it was stamps that were received and the fair market value of the stamps. The date that should be used is the date on which the item was received or benefit occurred.
- This form is also used when items or services are purchased by the candidate or someone else on behalf of the candidate or campaign committee and for which reimbursement is not requested or desired ("out of pocket" expenses).
- The Date block should be completed with six digits. For example, March 9, 2008, would appear as 03 09 08.
- The State block should be completed with the U.S. Post Office's standard two-letter abbreviation. For example, Ohio would appear as OH.

**In-Kind Contributions Received** 

Name of Committee in Full								
Full Name of Contributor			Registration Number, if PAC			PAC		
Street Address	Description of Item or Service		M	D	Y	Fair Market Value		
City	State	Zip Code	Received at Fundraising Event?					
	OH		OYE			NO		
Full Name of Contributor			Registration Number, if PAC					
Street Address	Description of Iter	n or Service	М	D	Y	Fair Market Value		
City	State OH	Zip Code		ed at Fund	draising	Event?		
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#### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Expenditure means the disbursement or use of a contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. If you need more space to fully answer any question, attach additional sheets, with your name and the applicable question number(s) on each sheet.

- The Statement of Expenditures lists the purpose for which funds were used, the name and address of the entity to which the expenditure was made, and the amount and date of the expenditures.
- Expenditures should be reported on a cash basis (i.e. reported as of the date funds are transmitted to pay for items or services received). The date listed for e ach expenditure should be the date that a check or other payment instrument is mailed, handed over, or transmitted. For example, if the campaign committee orders yard signs and receives the signs on October 10, 2008, along with an invoice for the yard signs, but does not pay the invoice until November 15, 2008, the expenditure should be reported as being made on 11 15 08.
- List each payee's complete address.
- The Date block should be completed with six digits. For example, March 9, 2008 would appear as 03 09 08.
- The Purpose block should list the specific reason that the expense was made; purposes such as "expense" or "miscellaneous" are vague, and therefore, not acceptable.
- The State block should be completed with the U.S. Post Office's standard two-letter abbreviation. For example, Ohio would appear as OH.
- The Check Number block should be completed with the number of the campaign committee check used to make the expenditure. Expenditures made by personal check should not be listed on this form.
- Copies of canceled checks or receipts for all expenses must be attached to this report or a copy of the campaign committee bank or credit card statement may be submitted.
- A check or portion of contribution from a contributor that is returned because of insufficient funds or because it violated contribution limitations should be itemized on this form, stating the name, address, amount and reason.

# **Statement of Expenditures**

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Name of Committee in Full								
To Whom Paid			М	D	Y	Amount		
Address	Purpose			1		•		
City	State	Zip Code	Check Number					
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Address	Purpose							
City	State	Zip Code	Check N	lumber				
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