



CITY OF HAMILTON

**DECISION of the
ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE**
established under Section 88.37(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (the “Act”)
**A CLERK’S REPORT RESPECTING A CONTRIBUTOR WHO APPEARS
TO HAVE EXCEEDED ANY OF THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UNDER
SECTION 88.9 OF THE ACT**
CORNELL PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

With respect to the meeting of the Election Compliance Audit Committee (the “Committee”) held on June 16, 2023, to consider the Clerk’s Report (FCS23068) concerning the contributions made by Cornell Performance Academy (the “Contributor”) to the 2022 Election Campaign (the “Campaign”) of Raquel Rakovac (the “Candidate”):

The Clerk’s Report indicates the Contributor’s total contribution of funds as \$1,999.75 to the Candidate’s Campaign, exceeding the maximum contribution to any one candidate, as per Section 88.9 (1) of the Act.

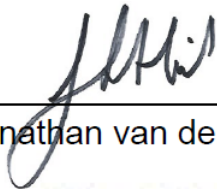
The Candidate was present at the meeting and advised the Committee that she is a fifty percent co-owner of the Contributor, which is an incorporated company. The Candidate provided written evidence in the form of invoices totalling \$1999.75: one from Premier Printing & Signs Ltd. in the amount of \$237 for signs; one from Premier Printing & Signs Ltd. in the amount of \$412.45 for signs and installation of outdoor/indoor signage; and one from Cornell Performance Academy in the amount of \$1,350. The Candidate advised the Committee that her Financial Statement incorrectly indicated these amounts as contributions of goods and services by the Contributor when in fact these were expenses were paid for by the Candidate and should have been reflected as such on the Candidate’s Financial Statement.

The Committee accepts the explanation that the Candidate made a clerical error when completing her Financial Statement and is satisfied that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the Contributor has exceeded any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9 of the Act. As such, the Committee will not be commencing legal proceedings against the Contributor.

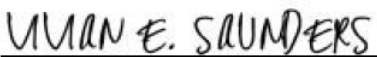
The Committee wishes to remind the Candidate of the importance of keeping proper financial records and that care must be taken to ensure Financial Statements correctly reflect contributions made during an election campaign.

Dated at the City of Hamilton June 23, 2023.

Written and approved by the following Committee Members:



Jonathan van der Heiden



Vivian Sanders



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