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REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL

TO

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

DATE: November 23, 2020

ANALYST: Michael Dobi

I. COMMITTEE: Kristine Schanbacher for Congress
C00710491
Stella Black, Treasurer
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II. RELEVANT STATUTE: 11 CFR § 102.9(e)
11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)

III. BACKGROUND:

Excessive, Prohibited and Other Impermissible Contributions (Failure to Refund or Redesignate General Election Contributions within the Permissible Timeframe)

Kristine Schanbacher for Congress (“the Committee”) received 2020 General Election contributions from thirteen (13) individuals that were not refunded or redesignated within the permissible timeframe from the date the candidate Kristine Schanbacher (“the Candidate”) lost the primary election. The contributions total \$36,250.00 as disclosed on the 2019 October Quarterly, 2019 Year-End, 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary, and 2020 July Quarterly Reports (Attachment 2).

2019 October Quarterly Report

On October 15, 2019, the Committee filed the 2019 October Quarterly Report covering the period from June 21, 2019 through September 30, 2019. This report disclosed the receipt of \$20,450.00 in 2020 General Election contributions from eight (8) individuals (Image 01910159164891914, Attachment 2).

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2019 Year-End Report

On January 31, 2020, the Committee filed the 2019 Year-End Report covering the period from October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This report disclosed no 2020 General Election contributions (Image 202001319184631172).

On March 5, 2020 the Committee filed an Amended 2019 Year-End Report, which disclosed the receipt of \$1,800.00 in 2020 General Election contributions from one (1) individual (Image 202003059203756526, Attachment 2).

2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report

On March 5, 2020 the Committee filed the 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report covering the period January 1, 2020, through February 26, 2020. This report disclosed the receipt of \$9,400.00 in 2020 General Election contributions from four (4) individuals (Image 202003059203756763, Attachment 2).

On April 1, 2020, the Committee filed an Amended 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report, which disclosed no changes to the above 2020 General Election contributions (Image 202004019216574129).

2020 April Quarterly Report

On March 17, 2020, the Candidate lost the primary election for Illinois' 7th Congressional District.

On April 1, 2020 the Committee filed the 2020 April Quarterly Report covering the period from February 27, 2020 through March 31, 2020. This report disclosed the receipt of \$4,600.00 in 2020 General Election contributions from two (2) individuals (Image 202004019216574304, Attachment 2).

On June 24, 2020, a Request for Additional Information ("RFAI") was sent to the Committee referencing the 2020 April Quarterly Report, received April 1, 2020. Among other issues, the RFAI noted the Committee's receipt of 2020 General Election contributions during the 2019-2020 election cycle and requested that the Committee refund or redesignate the contributions since the Candidate would not participate in the 2020 General Election.

On July 1, 2020, the Committee filed an Amended 2020 April Quarterly Report, which disclosed no changes to the above 2020 General Election contributions but added \$33,450.00 in debt owed to twelve (12) individuals,¹ each with the purpose "General election contribution to be refunded" (Image 202007019244227727).

¹ The Committee appears to have inadvertently omitted the 9/16/2019 contribution from Jordan H. Hankins, totaling \$2,800.00.

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On August 6, 2020, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) analyst called Stella Black, the Treasurer of the Committee, to notify her of the potential referral. Later the same day, the RAD analyst spoke with a representative of the Candidate, Emily Wurth, and subsequently the Candidate herself, who stated she was told by her staff that spending the general contributions is permissible and that she did not have the funds to refund the general contributions (Attachment 3).

To date, no further communications have been received from the Committee regarding this matter.

O-Index (2019-2020)															
Cmte. Type: H (HOUSE)				Cmte. Designation: P (PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE OF A CANDIDATE)				Filing Frequency: QUARTERLY FILER							
Form Tp	Rpt Tp	A/I	Recpt Dt	Pgs	Begin Img#	Beg Cvg Dt	End Cvg Dt	Lttr Mail Dt	Begin Cash	Recpts	Disb	End Cash	Debts	Loans	Debts & Loans
MS-T			7/1/2020	1	202007019244227680				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MS-T			8/17/2020	1	202008179261335080				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ2	Q1	A	8/9/2020	2	202008090300082032	2/27/2020	3/31/2020	8/9/2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ2	Q1	N	6/24/2020	7	202006240300075006	2/27/2020	3/31/2020	6/24/2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F3N	Q3	N	10/15/2019	229	201910159164891914	6/21/2019	9/30/2019		\$0	\$166,172	\$116,010	\$50,161	-	-	\$0
F3N	YE	N	1/31/2020	213	202001319184631172	10/1/2019	12/31/2019		\$50,161	\$111,787	\$91,855	\$70,092	-	-	\$0
F3A	YE	A	3/5/2020	217	202003059203756526	10/1/2019	12/31/2019		\$50,161	\$111,294	\$92,162	\$69,292	-	-	\$0
F3N	12P	N	3/5/2020	155	202003059203756763	1/1/2020	2/26/2020		\$69,292	\$97,109	\$109,728	\$56,673	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
F3A	12P	A	4/1/2020	161	202004019216574129	1/1/2020	2/26/2020		\$69,292	\$98,214	\$109,788	\$57,718	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
F3N	Q1	N	4/1/2020	106	202004019216574304	2/27/2020	3/31/2020		\$57,718	\$58,052	\$114,414	\$1,356	\$7,128	\$20,000	\$27,128
F3A	Q1	A	7/1/2020	94	202007019244227727	2/27/2020	3/31/2020		\$57,718	\$58,052	\$114,414	\$1,356	\$40,578	\$20,000	\$60,578
F3N	Q2	N	7/3/2020	22	202007039244303501	4/1/2020	6/30/2020		\$1,356	\$5,047	\$5,601	\$801	\$38,381	\$20,000	\$58,381
F3N	Q3	N	10/10/2020	15	202010109285101532	7/1/2020	9/30/2020		\$801	\$0	\$728	\$73	\$38,381	\$20,000	\$58,381
F6N			3/4/2020	1	202003049203747668				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F6N			3/9/2020	1	202003099203797330				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F6N			3/2/2020	1	202003029203689178				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F6N			2/29/2020	1	202002299203458056				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F6N			3/7/2020	1	202003079203793286				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F6N			3/14/2020	1	202003149203832493				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F6N			3/16/2020	1	202003169203837135				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F2N		N	7/1/2019	1	201907019150436645				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F1N		N	7/1/2019	4	201907019150436629				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals									\$438,780	\$438,706					

O-Index (2017-2018)															
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No records were found for this cycle.															

O-Index (2015-2016)															
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No records were found for this cycle.															

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Apparent 2020 General Election Contributions Not Refunded and/or Refunded Outside Permissible Timeframes, Listed by Contributor

Name	Date	Contribution Amount	Amount Not Refunded within Timeframe	Refunded # Days since Primary Loss
HANKINS, JORDAN H.	9/16/2019	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
HANKINS, RICHARD	9/22/2019	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	N/A
HANKINS, RICHARD	12/30/2019	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	N/A
LAFERLA, RICHARD	7/1/2019	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
PRICE, BRIAN	1/31/2020	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
PRICE, LINDA	1/30/2020	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
PRICE, RICHARD	1/30/2020	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
PRICE, STACEY	3/4/2020	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
SCHANBACHER, CHERYL	9/19/2019	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
SCHANBACHER, JOHN	9/19/2019	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
SCHANBACHER, JOSEPH	2/12/2020	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	N/A
SCHANBACHER, JOSEPH	3/14/2020	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	N/A
SITORIUS, JANE	7/24/2019	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A
SITORIUS, MARILYN	9/19/2019	\$2,525.00	\$2,525.00	N/A
SITORIUS, MARILYN	9/30/2019	\$200.00	\$200.00	N/A
SITORIUS, MICHAEL A.	9/19/2019	\$2,525.00	\$2,525.00	N/A
SITORIUS, MICHAEL A.	9/30/2019	\$200.00	\$200.00	N/A
Total Amount Not Refunded and/or Refunded Outside Permissible Timeframes:				\$36,250.00