



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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**Press Statement
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Councilmember Alexander Responds to OCF Report: Original Claims Found Unsubstantiated

I am pleased that the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) has concluded its investigation into my Constituent Service Fund and I want to applaud its thorough investigation. The findings indicate that none of the claims made against me in the original complaint were substantiated.

The Constituent Service Fund was fined and I intend to exercise my right to appeal the two findings that have led to the fines.

First, the report did find that a \$300 payment was made to a robocall company, not during campaign season, and that that payment was deemed a campaign event as robocalls are traditionally associated with campaigns. As part of my appeal, I intend to demonstrate that this robocall was to invite residents to a community event and was not campaign related at all.

Second, after providing all of my bank records, OCF found that over a two year period 19 checks were not reported on my "Receipts and Expenditures Report." I intend to file an amended report so that my Constituent Service Fund accurately reflects these transactions.

These remedies should result in no fines associated with this investigation.

Still, I am pleased that all claims made against the Constituent Service Fund in the original complaint were not substantiated.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander
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