GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 13, 2021

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The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened via Videoconference pursuant to notice at 11:00 a.m. EDT, Karyn Greenfield, Board Member, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

KARYN GREENFIELD, Member MIKE GILL, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

MONICA H. EVANS, Executive Director TERRI D. STROUD, General Counsel CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Director, Office of Campaign Finance WILLIAM SANFORD, General Counsel, Office of Campaign Finance

MYISHA THOMPSON, Election Service

Specialist

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	(11:10 a.m.)
3	MEMBER GREENFIELD: We'll go ahead and
4	ascertain a quorum. I'm here, Karyn Greenfield.
5	Mike Gill is also
6	MEMBER GILL: Mike Gill is present,
7	also.
8	MEMBER GREENFIELD: also present,
9	okay. We're going to go ahead and move to adopt
10	the agenda, as you see, here, and the approval of
11	the minutes, from the meeting on August 26th, can
12	I get a motion?
13	MEMBER GILL: Motion to adopt the
14	agenda.
15	MEMBER GREENFIELD: And, can I get a
16	vote, Mike?
17	MEMBER GILL: I'm in favor.
18	MEMBER GREENFIELD: I am in favor
19	also, so that's going to be accepted. We'll move
20	on to Board matters. Mike, do you have any Board
21	matters?
22	MEMBER GILL: I do not have any.

1	MEMBER GREENFIELD: And I don't,
2	either. So now, we'll go ahead with the General
3	Counsel's Report. We'll start with the issuance
4	of the petition, in support of the Initiative
5	Measure Number 82, the District of Columbia Tip
6	Credit Elimination Act 2021.
7	Can I have the initiative proposer and
8	then the registrar state their names and
9	addresses, we'll start with the proposer, state
10	your name and address, for the record.
11	MR. O'LEARY: My name is Ryan O'Leary
12	and my address is 1665 Lamont Street, Northwest,
13	Washington, DC.
14	MEMBER GREENFIELD: And can I have the
15	registrar? State your name and address for the
16	record.
17	Are you still on the line?
18	Yes.
19	(Pause.)
20	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Karyn, can you
21	unmute?
22	Karyn, registrar?

Okay, we'll hold on a minute. 1 2 (Pause.) MEMBER GREENFIELD: Do we have the 3 4 registrar, yet? 5 Okay. We can hold on a few minutes, everybody. 6 7 (Pause.) 8 MEMBER GREENFIELD: So the registrar's 9 designee is Myisha Thompson, an employee with the Board of Elections. 10 That's all fine, I just wanted you to 11 state your name and address, just for the 12 13 address. 14 MS. STROUD: Can everyone hear Ms. 15 Thompson? 16 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Oh, he's going to 17 give her a microphone. 18 (Pause.) 19 MEMBER GREENFIELD: He's here? 20 Okay, so yes, all I needed was your 21 name and address, right now. 22 MS. THOMPSON: Myisha Thompson, 1015

Half Street, Southeast.

2	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay. And, now,
3	we'll go ahead and, Terri, give the provide
4	the background, with respect to where we are, in
5	the process.
6	MS. STROUD: Okay, thank you. Good
7	morning, everyone. Monday, September 20th, 20
8	on Monday, September 20th, 2021, the Board
9	formulated the language for the District of
10	Columbia Tip Credit Elimination Act of 2021,
11	which was approved, as a proper subject, in an
12	oral ruling issued on Thursday, August 26th.
13	The formulations were published in the
14	DC Register, on Friday, October 1st, 2021, for a
15	ten-day review period, during which, any
16	registered voter could challenge the Board's
17	formulations, in the DC Superior Court.
18	The review period ended on Tuesday,
19	October 12th, in light of the holiday, on Monday,
20	October 10th. We have been in contact with the
21	DC Superior Court's Clerk Office, generally, and
22	for the Civil Division, and have checked the

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1 Superior Court docket, online, and we have not 2 been served with anything, and so no challenges have been filed, it appears. 3 Accordingly, the Board's formulations 4 5 are deemed approved. I will now read into the record the formulations for the initiative, as 6 7 they were published in the DC Register. 8 Initiative Measure Number 82, short 9 title, District of Columbia Tip Credit Elimination Act of 2021, the summary statement is 10 as follows. 11 12 Under current law, employers of 13 employees classified, as tip workers, may take a 14 credit against tip wages received by workers, to 15 satisfy the minimum wage guarantee to all 16 workers, by law. 17 If enacted, the initiative would 18 gradually eliminate the credit, such that, the 19 mandatory base wage, open parens, currently 20 \$5.05, per hour, indexed to inflation, close 21 parens, paid by employers shall increase until 2027, when the mandatory base wage matches the 22

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minimum wage, established by District of Columbia
law, open parens, currently \$15.20, per hour,
indexed to inflation, close parens, tips
continue, as property of employees and will be an
addition to the statutory minimum, statutory
minimum hourly wage.
And Brandon, if you could show the

9 petition? Okay, so this is the petition that we
9 have drafted, in support of the circulation of
10 Initiative Measure Number 82.

I just wanted to note that, it is a one-sided petition sheet. There used -- our Board issued petitions used to be and may still be double-sided, with space for 20 signatures. That was a requirement that was

16 removed from the law in recent legislation 17 affecting the initiative and referendum process 18 in the District of Columbia.

And so this is a single sheet that is
one-sided that has a space for five signatures,
which enables, allows more easily for electronic
provision of the petition to the proposers and

initiative circulators. 1 2 And, Mr. O'Leary, you have seen a copy of the Initiative, which is what appears on the 3 4 screen, right now, is that correct? 5 (Pause.) 6 MR. O'LEARY: Yes, I have. 7 MS. STROUD: Okay. 8 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay. So Mr. 9 O'Leary, I'm going to -- you formally adopt the petition as your own? 10 11 (Audio interference.) 12 MR. O'LEARY: I do. 13 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay. So can I 14 get a motion that the Board approve for issuance 15 the petition form adopted, by the proposer, for 16 the District of Columbia's Tip Credit Elimination 17 Act of 2021? 18 MR. O'LEARY: I make a motion to 19 adopt. 20 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Can I get a vote? 21 MR. O'LEARY: I vote aye. 22 MEMBER GREENFIELD: I also vote aye,

1	so that's one that's going to pass. Can I
2	(Audio interference.)
3	MEMBER GREENFIELD: I have the
4	registrar read the signature requirement report
5	for the Initiative into the record?
6	MS. STROUD: Yes. As you are aware,
7	the petition submitted, in support of Initiative
8	Measure Number 82, District of Columbia Tip
9	Credit Elimination Act of 2021, must contain the
10	valid signatures of five percent of the voters,
11	of the voters registered in the District of
12	Columbia.
13	Provided that this total includes five
14	percent of the registered voters and each of five
15	or more wards, in order for the measure to be
16	placed on the ballot.
17	Pursuant to DC Official Code Section
18	1-204.102, the number of registered voters used
19	to compute these requirements is the latest
20	official counts of the registered voters, by the
21	Board of Elections, which was issued 30, or more,
22	days, prior to this admission of signatures.

1	While the signature requirement
2	cannot, yet, be determined, I have calculated the
3	information of the proponent and the public, what
4	these requirements would be, if the most recent
5	voter registration figures published, by the
6	Board, were used.
7	The proponent is advised to check with
8	the Board, on a monthly basis, as new statistics
9	are issued, to get up-to-date estimates of the
10	signature requirement.
11	In addition, the 180-day period, for
12	the circulation petition, pursuant to DC Code, DC
13	official Code, Section 1-1001.16(j)(1) expires on
14	Monday, April 11th, 2022, at 5 o'clock p.m.
15	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay. Thank you.
16	Mr. O'Leary, do you have any questions?
17	MR. O'LEARY: No, no questions. I
18	just wanted to thank the Board of Elections, I,
19	as much as I can, for how easy this process was
20	and for all of the support that you were able to
21	offer me in, in the process. Thank you very
22	much.

1	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay, thank you.
2	We'll go on with the General Counsel's Report.
3	MS. STROUD: Okay. Thank you. The
4	first well, the second item on my, my agenda
5	is rulemaking and I have three pieces of final
6	rulemaking and one piece of proposed rulemaking.
7	The notices of emergency, under
8	proposed rulemaking, with respect to each of
9	these three pieces of final rulemaking, which I
10	will discuss, were published in the DC Register,
11	on September 3rd, 2021.
12	The first would amend Chapter 6, to
13	reconcile it with the Initiative and Referendum
14	Process Improvement Amendment Act of 2020, which
15	provides that a write-in candidate must declare
16	their candidacy, no later than 4:45 p.m., on the
17	third day, immediately following a primary
18	election, and no later than the seventh day,
19	following the general, or special, election.
20	The second piece of legislation of
21	rulemaking would amend Chapter 7, to reconcile it
22	with the primary date Alteration Amendment Act of

1	2019, which mandates that an election's early
2	voting period may last for no more than 12 days.
3	And the final piece of final
4	rulemaking would amend Chapter 11, to outline the
5	rules that shall apply to the counting of words
6	in a proposer's statement in a recall notice, as
7	well as, to the elected official's response
8	thereto.
9	No comments were received, with
10	respect to any of these notices, so I would ask
11	that, with respect to each of them, the Board
12	take action to allow for the submission of these
13	notices to the DC Registers, so that they may
14	become final, upon publication.
15	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay, can I get a
16	motion to submit the final rulemaking to the DC
17	Register?
18	(Pause.)
19	MEMBER GILL: I'm sorry. I make a
20	motion to submit to the DC Register the three
21	rulemakings, as listed in the published agenda.
22	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay. Can I get

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1	a vote, Mr. Gill?
2	MEMBER GILL: I vote aye.
3	MEMBER GREENFIELD: I also vote aye.
4	So that's passed. Can we go on?
5	MS. STROUD: Okay. Next, I have
6	proposed, proposed rulemaking for Chapter 7, the
7	Board's Regulations. It has been Board practice
8	and policy, to allow for curing of special
9	ballots, with respect to individuals, who for
10	purposes of registering, other than in person, at
11	the Board, or individuals, who are same-day
12	registrants, these individuals are required to
13	show proof of residence or identity at the time
14	of voting.
15	And, if they do not, the Board has
16	allowed, up to two days, after the election, for
17	them to provide such proofs, so that their
18	ballots may be cast may be counted.
19	And so this rule will simply codify
20	the Board's policy and practice and establish
21	that, individuals, who must show proof, which is
22	not all District voters, this is only two

1 discreet categories of voters.

2	Again, same day registrants, who do
3	not provide proof of residence, at the time of
4	voting, and individuals, who registered by mail,
5	or online, and who, for circumstances surrounding
6	the inability to provide, or for the Board to
7	locate a match for them, in an existing database,
8	are required to provide proof of identification.
9	It is not the Board of Elections, or
10	District Government policy to require residents,
11	generally speaking, to provide proof of
12	identification, at the poles.
13	So this rule would allow for voters to
14	provide proof of residence, within by the
15	second day, after the election in which they have
16	voted.
17	And so I will ask the Board, now, to
18	take action to allow for the submission of this
19	notice of proposal rulemaking to the DC Register
20	to commence the comment period.
21	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay. So I'm
22	going to ask for a motion to submit this proposal

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1	into the DC Register?
2	MEMBER GILL: So I, I was going to
3	ask, Terri, to make sure she explained it, but
4	you did explain it.
5	MS. STROUD: Yes.
6	MEMBER GILL: So so just
7	reiterating that the that, typically, that's
8	not required.
9	MS. STROUD: Yes.
10	MEMBER GILL: If you're a registered
11	voter and everything's in order, to provide ID.
12	So I make a motion to allow for the proposed
13	rulemaking to be sent to the DC Register.
14	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay, can I get a
15	vote, Mr. Gill?
16	MEMBER GILL: I vote aye.
17	MEMBER GREENFIELD: And I, also, vote
18	aye. Thank you.
19	MS. STROUD: Okay. So this
20	rulemaking, just for informational purposes, will
21	be published, not in this Friday's edition of the
22	DC Register, but in next Friday's edition of the

DC Register, which will begin a 30-day comment 1 2 period, with respect to the rulemaking, and if no comments are received, we will take final 3 rulemaking action, after that point. 4 And, the final matter on my agenda is 5 6 litigation status. We have one active case, Long versus the DC Board of Elections. I brought this 7 to the Board's attention, at the last meeting, 8 9 the last regular meeting. This matter was filed in DC, Superior 10 Court, on July 2nd, of this year, and it's a 11 12 civil complaint seeking \$10,000 in damages. Mr. 13 Long claims negligence and unjust enrichment and 14 alleges that, the Board issued him a check, without informing him not to deposit it, then had 15 16 the check stopped, causing him to have a negative 17 balance and a return check fee. 18 (Audio interference.) 19 The Board is being MS. STROUD: 20 represented in this matter, by the Office of the 21 Attorney General, which serves, as counsel, for the Office of Finance and Resource Management, 22

the entity that handled the issue, once a pole 1 2 worker checks for the Board. There was an initial hearing, an 3 4 initial hearing, on August 9th, it was continued 5 to yesterday, October 12th, and now has been continued to December 14th. 6 7 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay. 8 MS. STROUD: And that concludes the 9 report of the Office of the General Counsel. 10 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay, thank you. 11 Can we go on to the Executive Director's Report, 12 Monica? 13 MS. EVANS: Yes. Good morning. As 14 you know, we've been working on the 15 implementation of a new voter registration 16 system, for the past few years. 17 There were a number of challenges that 18 we faced, as the system was going through the 19 implementation process, including the biggest challenge of all, the unpredictable events, 20 21 brought on by COVID. 22 Even though, we halted the full

transition to the new system, at the end of 2019, 1 2 there were nonetheless, some aspects of the project that were ongoing, which had to be 3 halted, as well. The process resumed in 2021. 4 Subsequent to going through extensive 5 user testing and mock elections, to ensure the 6 7 readiness of the system, on September 28, the new voter registration system, Voter Focus, was fully 8 9 implemented and has replaced the former Integrity System that has been in operation for 20 years. 10 11 That system operated off of Legacy 12 technology that required many patches to meet our The enhancement is quite an achievement 13 needs. 14 and the new system provides many upgraded features to our voter registration system that 15 16 the staff is very excited about. 17 Voter Focus provides a greater 18 bandwidth, on a new platform, to add more users 19 to the process, provides ease, with navigation, 20 through the registration process, and gives 21 automatic error checking when voter information 22 is processed.

1	For instance, when inputting an
2	address, the system will provide an automatic
3	flag like that something is incorrect with the
4	address.
5	Overall, the system will provide much
6	better functionality, on the user side, and
7	better security. There will be very little, if
8	any, difference noticed on the recipient end.
9	Voters will probably not recognize
10	anything significantly different, but
11	operationally, it is a step in the 21st Century
12	that was long overdue.
13	Of course, there's still a learning
14	curve, as staff members work through navigating
15	the changes with the new system. But, so far, it
16	appears to be very user friendly and everyone is
17	gaining confidence, as they continue daily use of
18	Voter Focus.
19	Vaccine status. As reported last
20	month, BOE is following the Mayor's order of
21	requiring everyone to be fully vaccinated, or
22	undergo weekly COVID testing. As of now, BOE is

over 90 percent compliant, with staff vaccination status reporting.

This is over the 60 percent that was 3 reported last month. As I indicated then, I will 4 continue to monitor and ensure that the Agency 5 complies fully with the Mayor's order. 6 During the month of 7 Voter Outreach. 8 September, the Voter Education and Outreach 9 Division participated in many outreach events, on 10 behalf of the Agency. As you may recall, 11 September brings National Voter Registration Day, which this year was held on September 28. 12 13 The Agency took part in a number of 14 events that highlight the National Voter Registration Day, including events at United 15

Medical Center, Georgetown University, George
Washington University, and Ron Brown College Prep
High School, in North East.

Overall, we've participated in 22
outreach events, during the month of September.
Other events included the Eighth Street Festival,
high school registration events, and the grand

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reopening of Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library.

Voter Registration. The Board Status 3 4 Services Division has been busy, over the past 5 month, and has processed 3,532 voter ID cards, 166 cure letters for incomplete registration, and 6 7 that would include things like missing signature, 8 or illegible applications, and 1,844 cancellation 9 notices sent to other jurisdictions and states 10 for voters registered in DC. 11 The Division has also processed 3,002 12 address changes, within DC, based on information received from the Post Office. These are for 13 14 voters to update their voter registration 15 information. 16 This information has been processed in-house and the next mailer has not been 17 18 released from the vendor, as an expected to be 19 mailed this week. 20 Election Worker Training. Election 21 workers will be introduced to online training, as 22 a compliment to in-house hands-on training this

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2	The four-hour mandatory training will
3	still take place in person. The online training
4	will be used, as a tool to assist and provide an
5	introduction to the in-class training, for all
6	election worker positions.
7	Further, the online training will be
8	accessible for any election worker, who would
9	like to refer to it, as a refresher, once they
10	have completed their in-person training.
11	And that concludes my report.
12	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you.
13	Rolling out of the Campaign Finance Report,
14	Cecily?
15	MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes. Good
16	morning. The first thing I would just like to
17	point out, to members of the public, is that the
18	revised fact sheet, information sheets, for the
19	Peer Elections Program and, also, for the
20	Traditional Program, have been posted at the, at
21	the OCS Website.
22	And these fact sheets pertain to

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3	cycle.
4	Information is, also, concerning the
5	contribution limits, as well as, the following
6	deadlines in both programs. There were no
7	community outreach events, during the month of
8	September, 2021, in which the Office
9	participated.
10	In the Fair Elections Program
11	Division, for the month of September, 2021,
12	again, I would report, on the record that, during
13	the 2020 election cycle and the 2020 special
14	election cycle, the total sum of \$4,016,797.64
15	was disbursed from the Fair Elections Fund, base
16	amount and matching payment, to the 36
17	candidates, who participated in the Fair
18	Elections Program, during those elections, which
19	were held, during the 2020 election cycle.
20	As of September the 30th, 2021, during
21	the '22 election, 2022 election cycle, the total
22	sum of \$97,555 has been disbursed, from the Fair

information that candidates and, also, other interested parties may need, for 2022 election cycle.

Elections Fund, in base amount and matching 1 2 payment, to the two candidates, who have been certified to participate in the program, in the 3 June 21st, 2022 primary election. 4 We did certify two candidates in the 5 6 Fair Elections Program, for the 2022 election cycle, during the month of September. 7 They are 8 Gordon Fletcher for Ward 5, he was certified on 9 September the 1st, 2021. The candidate was certified, as 10 participating candidate in the program, for the 11 12 covered office of member of the council, from 13 Ward 5, during the June 21st, 2021 primary 14 election. The sums of \$29,430 in matching payments and \$20,000 for one-half of the base 15 amount payment was authorized for disbursement. 16 The second candidate, who was 17 18 certified, during the month of September, was 19 Cheh 22 -- 2022, on September the 1st, 2021. The 20 candidate, Mary Cheh, was certified, as a 21 participating candidate in the program, for the covered office of member of the council, from 22

1	Ward 3, during the June 21st, 2021 primary
2	election. The sum of \$48,125 in matching
3	payments was authorized for disbursement to the
4	candidate.
5	Also, in the Fair Elections Program,
6	during the month of September, the program
7	conducted three desk reviews of termination and
8	amended reports of receipts and expenditures,
9	which had been filed and it issued one request
10	for additional information, with respect to the
11	desk review on the financial reports.
12	As of September the 30th, 2021, the
13	total sum of \$140,686.88 has been remitted for
14	deposit in the Fair Elections Fund, from the
15	campaign operations of those candidates, who
16	participated in, both, the 2020 special elections
17	and the 2020 election cycle.
18	There are 34 post-election audits,
19	which are currently ongoing, in the Fair
20	Elections Program, at various stages, including,
21	the audit documentation has been received and the
22	audit is in process, or matters have been

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referred to the Office of the General Counsel,
 for enforcement proceedings, where there has been
 a failure to comply with audit requests for
 additional information.

5 The status of each of those audits is 6 contained in the report and the report will be 7 posted at the, at the OCF Website, before the end 8 of business, today.

9 In our Public Information and Records 10 Management Division, there was one financial 11 report, which was due, during the month of 12 September, and that was by our legal defense 13 committees and is the 18th report of receipts and 14 expenditures, it was due on Wednesday, September 15 the 1st, 2021, and the report was timely filed.

Also, the Public Information and
Records Manage Division referred 28 committees to
the Office of the General Counsel, for the
failure to timely file the July 31st Report of
Receipts and Expenditures and that includes,
principle campaign committees, from both
programs, as well as, Political Action

Committees, Initiative Committees, and one 1 2 Referendum Committee. During the month of September, there 3 were new candidates and committees, who

registered with the Agency. In our traditional 5 program, we currently have nine candidates, who 6 are registered to participate, during the 2022 7 election cycle. 8

9 And, most recently, Anita Bonds, 10 Counsel at Large, registered on September the 11 1st, 2021, in the Traditional Program. There are 12 currently eight candidates, who are registered to 13 participate in the Fair Elections Program, during 14 the 2022 election cycle.

Most recently, the following 15 16 candidates registered in September, 2021, Erin 17 Palmer, for Council Chairperson, registered on 18 September the 23rd, 2021.

19 Sharece Crawford registered, as a 20 candidate for Counsel at Large, on September the 21 3rd, 2021. Brianne Nadeau registered for Board 22 Member of the Council, on September the 14th,

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2021, and Faith Gibson Hubbard registered for
 Member of the Council, from Ward 5, on September
 the 28th, 2021.

There were no new registrations, for 4 5 our initiative, so maybe -- there are currently three, who are registered. With our candidates 6 7 in Treasury, to have completed the OCF, Entrance 8 Conference presentation, for September, 2021, 9 there were nine candidates and treasurers, who 10 participated in the mandatory conference program and their names, again, are listed at our, in our 11 12 report, and our report will be posted, before 13 close of business, today.

14 In our Reports Analysis and Audit Division and that is our traditional audit 15 16 program, during the month of September, actually, 17 from August the 23rd through October the 8th, the 18 Reports Analysis and Audit Division conducted 68 19 desk reviews of reports of receipts and 20 expenditures that had been filed with the Agency. 21 There are no audits issued, however, there are ongoing audits, which are, presently, 22

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being conducted in the Traditional Audit Program
 and they are as follows.

We have two full-field audits, which are being conducted of newly-elected officials. The first is Brooke Pinto, from Ward 2. The second is Jack for DC, at-large, school, State Board of Education.

8 As far as candidates in the upcoming 9 2022 election and political action committees, we did initiate two audits of the July 31st, 2021, 10 report and those audit notification letters were 11 12 issued on August the 6th, 2021. The two committees which are involved in the audit 13 14 process are Mendelson 2022 and the Ward 6 15 Democrats.

With our Constituent Service Programs, we initiated two audits of the October the 1st, 2021, report of receipts and expenditures. The first is Mayor Bowser's Constituent Service Program, the -- an audit notification letter was issued, on October the 8th.

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And the second is the Our Ward 5

Constituent Service Program and the notification 1 2 letter was issued, on October the 8th. In terms of the status of each of the ongoing audits, 3 which are currently in the Traditional Audit 4 Program that, the status of each audit is 5 reported in our reports as well. 6 7 And again, I will post the audit 8 report before the end -- I'm sorry, not the audit 9 report, the activity report of the Office of Campaign Finance, before the close of business, 10 11 today. 12 And, again, the last thing I would like to indicate to Members of the Public is that 13 the financial reports, which are received by us, 14 15 which are submitted electronically by registered 16 candidates and committees, are available for 17 review at our Website. 18 And, also, our audits, once they 19 become final, they are also posted, at the Website, for public review. 20 I would ask, Mr. 21 Sanford, to give the Report of the Office of the General Counsel, for the Agency. 22

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1	(Audio interference.)
2	MR. SANFORD: Thank you. Good
3	morning, distinguished Board Members. My name is
4	William Sanford, General Counsel, for the Office
5	of Campaign Finance.
6	During the month of September, 2021,
7	the Office of the General Counsel received 37
8	referrals and issued 34 others, which included
9	the following.
10	Twenty-nine orders were issued, in
11	which, fines totaling \$52,900 were imposed. One
12	order was issued, in which, the fine was
13	suspended, and four orders were issued, in which,
14	the notice of hearing statement of violations
15	were vacated.
16	I will not read all 29 orders that
17	imposed the fines, into the record, but they will
18	be they are available for review, at our at
19	the LCF Website.
20	During the month of September, 2021,
21	the Office of the General Counsel collected a
22	total of \$2,250 in fines, they include the

2	A \$200 installment on the fine of
3	\$1,000 that was imposed against the candidate and
4	Treasurer of the Patrick Kennedy for Ward 2 2020
5	Special Election Principle Campaign Committee was
6	received.
7	And, a \$2,050 fine was received and
8	that fine had been imposed against the John
9	Fanning for Ward 2 2020 Principle Campaign
10	Committee.
11	During the month of September, the
12	Office of the General Counsel received and issued
13	two requests for interpretive opinion. The
14	requests were both submitted by Thorn Pozen,
15	Esquire. Mr. Pozen is a partner in the law firm
16	of Goldblatt, Martin and Pozen.
17	The first request was submitted on the
18	26th of August, 2021, and the issue was, whether
19	or not, funds received by Fair Election
20	candidates, from non-residents of the District of
21	Columbia may be segregated and used to establish
22	constituent services fund, at the conclusion of

an election cycle, if the candidate is 1 2 successful. The Office of the General Counsel 3 4 issued an opinion, indicating that that was not 5 acceptable, or allowable, because the law and statute does not provide for any segregation of 6 funds, by -- that are donated, by non-residents 7 8 in the Fair Election Program. 9 The second request was also submitted by Mr. Pozen, on -- and it was submitted on 10 11 August 31st. By the way, the first request was 12 issued on the September 10, 2021. Second request was submitted on the 13 14 31st of August, 2021, and the issue was, whether or not, an a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization may 15 16 be used to fund an independent expenditure committee that would, in turn, make expenditures 17 18 in campaigns. 19 In an Opinion, issued on the 30th of September, the Office -- 2021, the Office of the 20 21 General Counsel indicated that that would not be 22 advisable, because it would, perhaps, and most,

1	more than likely, circumvent the disclosure
2	provisions, under the Campaign Fianc, Act,
3	regarding disclosure and the bundling provisions.
4	Both Opinions are available at the
5	Office of Campaign Finance Website and they were
6	issued, as I indicated, on September 10th and
7	September 30th, 2021.
8	During the month of September, 2021,
9	there were no open investigations and, during the
10	month of September, 2021, there were no show
11	cause proceedings adopted by the Office of the
12	General Counsel. And that should conclude my
13	report.
14	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you. With
15	that done, we can now move on to public matters.
16	If anyone has questions, or, or something they
17	want to bring up, please make sure you start with
18	your name and address. I would say if you can
19	raise your hands, so we can figure out who to
20	unmute.
21	(Audio interference.)
22	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Just unmute.

1	MS. BRIZILL: This is Dorothy Brizill,
2	I would like raise a public matter.
3	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Okay, go ahead.
4	MS. BRIZILL: I would like to ask the
5	General Counsel a couple of questions, regarding
6	her proposed rulemaking. But, let me make a
7	general comment.
8	When the agenda is prepared and there
9	is rulemaking indicated, what is happening on the
10	agenda is, it says, for example, on today's
11	agenda it says, amend Chapter 6, amend Chapter 7,
12	amend Chapter 10, amend Chapter 7.
13	I have received inquiry from people
14	saying, where are these chapters? It wouldn't
15	add too much to the agenda to indicate that, what
16	you're saying is, amend Chapter 6 of Title 3 of
17	the DC Municipal Elections, regarding elections
18	in essence.
19	I I think that, in terms of your
20	shorthand notation, it makes it very difficult
21	for people, who are interested in the subject, to
22	do any research.

1	That is just a suggestion and I don't			
2	know, why the shorthand notations are being used.			
3	Can I get a comment, from Ms. Stroud?			
4	MS. STROUD: Not a bad suggestion,			
5	thank you.			
6	MS. BRIZILL: I have a, a particular			
7	question, regarding the proposed rulemaking. The			
8	proposed rulemaking, which will be published in			
9	the DC Register, gives an individual, until the			
10	second day, after the election, to provide proof			
11	of identity and address.			
12	Given the times we find ourselves in,			
13	where much, much of District Government is still			
14	closed and one of the items that you suggest for			
15	providing this proof, is a DC, Government-issued			
16	ID, how do you anticipate people, within a			
17	two-day turnaround period, would be able to get			
18	a, a DC Government ID?			
19	Especially, since most instances,			
20	it's, it's a matter of getting an appointment to			
21	go to DMV, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and			
22	as you know, appointments are taking weeks to			

secure.

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2	Moreover, in terms of utility bills,
3	there are horror stories of people being on hold
4	for two, three, four, five hours, to get through
5	to the Washington Gas.
6	So my question is, is that, was there
7	something that prompted this proposed rulemaking
8	and is it actually realistic to suggest that
9	people have, in essence, less than two days to
10	provide this identity and/or address?
11	MS. STROUD: Well, the individuals
12	have notice, at the time that they go and vote,
13	because it's something that, you know, we
14	publicized that, you're supposed to bring proof
15	of identification, when you vote.
16	And in most instances, the reason they
17	don't have it, is because they left it at home,
18	they forgot to bring it. So this is, really, not
19	expecting people to go around, go, you know, from
20	the time of voting, and only have two days to
21	request this form of ID.
22	So this is really for those instances,

1	in which, people have forgotten to bring it,			
2	which is more often than not, the reason why they			
3	don't have it, at the time.			
4	And individuals have taken advantage			
5	of this curing process. And this has been			
6	something that we've done, I think, since about			
7	2010, but we just didn't have a rule to codify			
8	that practice and so this is all that is.			
9	MEMBER GILL: Well and, I guess,			
10	let's, let's, let's talk through this. So the,			
11	the, the people that are being effected by the			
12	two days and the Government shutdown would be			
13	somebody, who does not have a DC driver's license			
14	and votes			
15	MS. STROUD: But that's not the only			
16	form of			
17	MEMBER GILL: the day of the			
18	right, so			
19	MS. STROUD: you know okay.			
20	MEMBER GILL: so they, they manage			
21	not to have a utility bill and, and so yes, it			
22	takes a long time to get through the power			

1 company, but if you're a resident, you get a 2 bill, so --MS. STROUD: You do get a bill. 3 4 MEMBER GILL: -- so this is somebody 5 who has moved and not had time to get a bill, who has moved here and not had time to get a driver's 6 7 license, and then votes essentially the day of 8 the election and now has two days to cure. I --9 I -- I -- I think the rule fits. I mean, I can't imagine that that's a 10 11 large group percentage of people that move and 12 don't get a bill, within the first month, or move and don't get a driver's license, within the 13 first month. So I, I don't know how to make it 14 15 any clearer than it is. 16 (Simultaneous speaking.) 17 MS. BRIZILL: I -- I would like to 18 comment to Mr. Gill's statement. Mr. Gill, I 19 don't know if you're aware of it, but many 20 people, who are renters, are living with relatives do not in fact receive a separate 21 22 utility bill.

1	In many instances, if you are a			
2	renter, for example, your utility may be included			
3	in, in, in, in your lease arrangement, or if			
4	you're living with a relative, you probably don't			
5	even have a lease.			
6	My question is, is that, it was my			
7	understanding that, to vote in the District of			
8	Columbia, proof of identity and/or address is not			
9	required to be shown, at a polling site, am I			
10	correct, Ms. Stroud?			
11	MS. STROUD: It's only for a limited			
12	category of voters. It's not for this is not			
13	a broad, as I explained, when I was talking about			
14	the rulemaking, initially.			
15	This is for a category of voters that			
16	is carved out under the Help America Vote Act,			
17	which says that, if you are a first time voter,			
18	in the District, who registered, other than in			
19	person, the law expressly says by mail, and we've			
20	not been able to match you in database against an			
21	existing database, then, for this finite, for			
22	this small group of voters, they are required to			

1 provide proof of identification.

2	MS. BRIZILL: I appreciate your			
3	amendment of your statement. What your statement			
4	initially suggested was that, voters in the			
5	District of Columbia coming to the polls are			
6	supposed to come prepared with proof of identity			
7	and an address.			
8	(Audio interference.)			
9	MS. BRIZILL: What it is is			
10	essentially a situation wherein a small segment			
11	of these people may be asked or required to			
12	provide it.			
13	But your initial statement indicated			
14	that everyone was supposed to come to the polls,			
15	and that is simply not the law in District of			
16	Columbia.			
17	MEMBER GILL: That's not what she			
18	said, because I made a point of asking for this			
19	clarification, earlier, before we started the			
20	hearing and Terri did make that clear that this			
21	was a small percentage of people that would be			
22	bound by this.			

1	MS. BRIZILL: Well, Mr. Gill, the			
2	great thing about the Board of Elections, it has			
3	a court reporter. Ms. Stroud's initial response			
4	to my question was, through its facts, state			
5	that, people are not coming to the polls with the			
6	required documentation, in terms of identity			
7	and/or address, and that is not a requirement in			
8	District law.			
9	She amended her statement to say that			
10	she was actually speaking of a small segment of			
11	individuals, who are first time voters. Now, I			
12	have no idea what she discussed with you, in your			
13	closed door meeting, but that is not what she			
14	stated on the record, when I asked the question.			
15	MEMBER GREENFIELD: Actually, Ms.			
16	Brizill, your two minutes are up. But, when she			
17	did present the proposed rulemaking, she did			
18	state that on the record.			
19	I I'm not saying that she answered			
20	your question, but when she presented the			
21	proposed rulemaking, she clarified that, at that			
22	time, so I think we now understand it and have			

clarity, so we will move on.
Just so everyone, you have two
minutes, in terms of public matters. Do we have
anyone else?
We don't have anyone else, we can go
ahead and adjourn, and I'll ask for a motion to
adjourn.
MEMBER GILL: I make a motion to
adjourn.
MEMBER GREENFIELD: A vote?
MEMBER GILL: I vote aye.
MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote aye. Thank
you and thank, everyone, for attending.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
went off the record at 11:57 a.m.)

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