



Summary of Final Board Determination

Richard Bashner

Candidate, 2017, Mayor

Program participant: \$0 in public funds received

1. Accepting over-the-limit contributions \$3,500

Campaigns are prohibited from accepting contributions in excess of the applicable contribution limit. Cumulative contributions from a single source may include monetary contributions, in-kind contributions, and outstanding loans. A loan not repaid by the day of the election is considered a contribution subject to the contribution limit. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(8), 3-703(1)(f), (11); Board Rules 1-04(c)(1), (h), 1-07(c). Loans that are forgiven or settled for less than the amount owed are also considered contributions. *See* Board Rules 1-04(g)(4), (5), 1-05(a), (j). Candidates may make contributions to their own campaigns up to three times the limit for other contributors. The contribution limit for candidates for Mayor contributing to their own campaigns in the 2017 election was \$14,850 (\$4,950 x 3). *See* Admin. Code §3-703(1)(h).

The Candidate made monetary contributions to the Campaign totaling \$14,850 on May 15, 2017 and September 7, 2017. In addition, the Candidate made four loans to the Campaign totaling \$40,100 in June 2017. The Campaign repaid the Candidate \$4,950 on September 7, 2017, prior to the September 12 primary election. The Campaign repaid the Candidate an additional \$1,528.66 on April 19, 2018, after the election, and failed to repay the remainder of the loans. Therefore, the Candidate's contributions to the Campaign exceeded the permissible limit by \$35,150 (\$50,000 - \$14,850).

The Board assessed a penalty of \$3,500 for this violation.