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Date: November 26, 2007
To: Elections File
From: Andrew Carlstrom, City Elections Officer
Re: Tim Crail, treasurer for Amanda Fritz
Subject: Charles Lewis' breakdancing event

Background

Tim Crail called this office twice (11/13/07 and 11/21/07) to express concern regarding Charles Lewis' November 10 breakdancing fundraising event at Reed College. Information posted by Amy Ruiz on "Blogtown, PDX" is inconsistent and unclear regarding whether or not: (A) a \$5 Qualifying Contribution was required for admission; (B) a \$7 contribution to Ethos was required; or (C) if a contribution to the campaign or Ethos would give an attendee admission to the event. In addition, Blogtown mentioned that Reed College students could pay \$3.

Note: Mr. Crail did not express interest in filing a formal complaint. Other than Amy Ruiz' Blogtown posts, he had no other information to contribute regarding the event. He did not personally know anyone who attended the event.

Interview Notes from 11/26/07

I called Charles Lewis for clarification this afternoon. He said that Qualifying Contributions were collected at the door to the breakdancing event, but that donations were only suggested. Some attendees gave five dollar Qualifying Contributions to the event; some attendees gave a contribution to Ethos; and some attendees gave nothing. According to Lewis, no contribution to the campaign or donation to Ethos was required for admission.

In addition, Lewis said that he sent out a press release that clarified how contributions would be collected. I asked him to send me the email, which he did (attached to this memo).

Follow-Up

In addition to calling Mr. Crail, this office will issue a reminder to candidates regarding City Code Section 2.10.070.I:

No payment, gift or thing of value shall be given or received in exchange for the Qualifying Contribution.