



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 88.25 OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, 1996

To: KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM, Clerk, City of Markham

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statement (Form 4) of Nimisha Patel, candidate, for the campaign period from from 2022/7/22 to 2023/1/3 relating to the election held on October 24, 2022, and Box C: Statement of Campaign Period Income and Expenses for the period and Box D: Calculation of Surplus or Deficit. The financial information has been prepared by Nimisha Patel, the candidate, based on the financial reporting provisions of Section 88.22 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the income and expenses of Nimisha Patel for the campaign period 2022/7/22 to 2023/1/3 in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Section 88.22 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Basis for qualified opinion

Due to the inherent nature of the transactions of electoral campaigns of this type, the completeness of the various categories of income and expenses is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of income and expenses was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of Nimisha Patel and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to income, expenses and surplus/deficit for the period 2022/7/22 to 2023/1/3 .

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are independent of Nimisha Patel in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our qualified opinion, we draw attention to the fact that the financial statement is prepared to assist the candidate to meet the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, and as a result, the financial statement may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with financial reporting provisions of Section 88.22 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing Nimisha Patel's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial statement.

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As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Nimisha Patel's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statement, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statement represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Signature Chaplin + Co. LLP Date March 24, 2023
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