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Pompano Beach Commissioner Beverly Perkins Misused Leftover Campaign Funds in November 2020 Election

Broward Inspector General John W. Scott announced that the Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) concluded its investigation into an allegation that City of Pompano Beach Commissioner Beverly Perkins misused leftover campaign funds following her successful campaign to be reelected in the November 3, 2020, election. The allegation cited to expenditures that the candidate and her duly appointed campaign treasurer listed in the campaign's final financial report that were made for a swearing-in celebration, a workers' Christmas party, workers' holiday gifts, and a New Year's celebration.

[The OIG's investigation](#) substantiated that the candidate and treasurer made 22 post-election expenditures totaling \$7,381.92 that were neither obligated prior to the election for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the election nor otherwise legally authorized expenditures or dispositions of surplus campaign funds.

The OIG determined that Commissioner Perkins and her treasurer engaged in numerous, various acts of campaign finance misconduct that were criminal in nature, including willfully certifying as true campaign treasurer's reports (CTRs) known to be incorrect, incomplete, or both. This included the willful failure to report several contributions and expenditures, as well as the willful misreporting of contributor names. The OIG also found that the campaign never reported payments totaling \$3,322.72 to New Creation Baptist Church of Christ after the final campaign report was filed and after the deadline to dispose of surplus funds. The candidate and treasurer also failed to report \$3,810.61 in campaign checks paid directly to her, purportedly to reimburse her for campaign expenses.

The candidate and treasurer also engaged in other violations of Florida campaign finance law, including cashing a \$9,500.00 check and using that cash to make cash payments rather than making expenditures through the campaign treasurer by bank check. Although any spending of such a cash advance was not permitted by campaign finance law, we also observed that the campaign did not provide supporting documentation for \$5,125.00 of post-withdrawal "expenditures."

The OIG is referring or has referred this matter to the Broward State Attorney and the Florida Division of Elections for whatever action those agencies deem appropriate.