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Complainant,

v.

Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor
P.O. Box 42467
Washington D.C. 20015

Gray for Mayor
PO Box 1926
Washington, DC 20013

Respondents.

COMPLAINT

Complainant files this complaint under 3 DCMR § 3701 against "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" and "Gray for Mayor," requesting that the District of Columbia Office of Campaign Finance ("OCF") investigate violations of the District of Columbia's Campaign Finance Act and regulations.

A. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

D.C. Council Chairman Vince Gray is a candidate for Mayor. His principal campaign committee is named "Gray for Mayor."

On July 12, 2010, a separate political committee calling itself "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" sent a fundraising solicitation letter asking for contributions to "help elect Vincent C. Gray Mayor of Washington, DC." *See* Exhibit A. The letter suggested that contributors give

"\$500 ... \$1000 ... \$1500 ... \$2000," but emphasized that contributors were "not limited to" these figures. The solicitation letter contained a difficult-to-read disclaimer, which misspelled the name of the committee ("Paid for by friend of Vince Gray for Mayor") and failed to state that "[a] copy of our report is filed with the Director of Campaign Finance of the District of Columbia Board of Election and Ethics." The letter used "similar" fonts and colors as "Gray for Mayor" letterhead. *See Exhibit B.*¹ According to OCF, as of the morning of July 26, 2010, "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" had yet to file its Statement of Organization with OCF.

The letter listed Clinton LeSueur and Royce Griffin as the contact persons for the committee. After leaving his job in the Fenty Administration, Mr. LeSueur joined Vince Gray's mayoral campaign and served as a "volunteer." *See Exhibit C.*² On April 10, 2010, for example, Mr. LeSueur posted on the official Facebook page of the Gray for Mayor campaign that he "knocked on every door on Missouri (sic) Ave. today between Ft. Totten Dr and 8th St. NW, take a look you will be impressed; will hand deliver you Ward 4!! Will back out there tomorrow." *Exhibit D.* Likewise, on May 2, 2010, Mr. LeSueur posted to the same Facebook page that he "knocked on every door and left a Vince for Mayor flyer between Wisconsin Ave. and St. John School on Military Rd Saturday and Today... You're represented there now. Check out the corner of Military and 41st St NW - Sweet!! Plus another 20 signs in the 5200, 5300, 5400 of 2nd St NW; also Jefferson St. NW -- inputing (sic) my date (sic) to send in now -- WE'ER (sic) GOING TO GET THIS DONE!" *Exhibit E.*

The evidence strongly suggests that the literature that Mr. LeSueur distributed, the yard signs that he placed, and the database into which he entered data into were resources paid for by

¹ Exhibit B can be found at http://voices.washingtonpost.com/debonis/2010/07/independent_fundraising_could.html

² Exhibit C can be found at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/20/AR2010052005130.html>

"Gray for Mayor." In addition to his volunteer field activities, Mr. LeSueur is a well-known fundraiser, who told the Washington Post that he had the "wherewithal" and "experience" to give Gray "an edge in the fundraising battle." See Exhibit B. He attended the kickoff fundraiser for Mr. Gray in April (where roughly 200 other donors attended) and told the Washington Post that "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" hoped to raise a "substantial amount," by targeting "donors who have maxed out with the Gray campaign." See Exhibits B, F.³

B. LEGAL ARGUMENT:

1. "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" May Have Made Illegal In-Kind Contributions and "Gray for Mayor" May Have Accepted Illegal In-Kind Contributions

The law limits contributions to Mayoral candidates to \$2,000. See D.C. St. § 1-1131.01(a)(1). The law exempts from the definition of "contribution" any "independent expenditure" made by a political committee on behalf of the candidate. See *id.*, § 1-1131.01(f) (exempting from the definition of "contribution" any "expenditure made by any person advocating the election or defeat of any candidate for office which is not made at the request or suggestion of the candidate, any agent of the candidate, or any political committee authorized by the candidate."). On the other hand, if an "expenditure made by any person is not independent, it will be subject to the limitations placed on campaign contributions, and categorized as an excessive or in-kind contribution." *OCF Interpretive Opinion 00-05 (Sept. 20, 2000)*.

A "communication" is an "independent expenditure" if it is "made by a person expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, [and] is made *without cooperation or consultation with any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of the*

³ Exhibit F can be found at <http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/blogs/citydesk/2010/04/22/gray-says-lets-get-it-on-loose-lips-daily/>.

candidate." 3 DCMR § 9900 (emphasis added). A communication is "made with the cooperation or consultation with [a] candidate" when there is "any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the candidate or his or her agent prior to the publication, distribution, display, or broadcast of the communication." *Id.* An expenditure is presumed to be coordinated when it is "(a) Based on information about the candidate's plans, projects, or needs provided to the expending person by the candidate, or by candidate's agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; and [is] (b) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, authorized to raise or expend funds; who is, or has been, an officer of an authorized committee; or who is, or has been receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate, the candidate's committee or agent." *Id.*

In the course of his volunteer activities for the Gray campaign, Mr. LeSueur likely developed a keen understanding of the campaign's "plans, projects, and needs." His Facebook posts demonstrate that he distributed Gray literature, posted Gray signs, and inputted voter contact data. In performing these activities, he likely learned from campaign staffers and from the campaign's database the specific neighborhoods that the campaign considers to be its high-priority targets, both for voter contact activity and sign placement. Mr. LeSueur's intimate knowledge of the campaign's "plans, projects, and needs" appears to have already informed the types of expenditures that "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" plans to undertake. *See* Exhibit B (speculating that funds will be spent on "yard signs, paid staffers, and perhaps even paid advertisements"). OCF should investigate the extent to which Gray campaign officials communicated to Mr. LeSueur the campaign's "plans, projects, and needs" and whether these officials encouraged Mr. LeSueur to form an "independent" committee to assist the campaign.

Furthermore, there is also a strong likelihood that Mr. LeSueur has either been authorized

to raise funds on behalf of the Gray campaign or has received some form of reimbursement from the campaign for his volunteer activities. As Mr. LeSueur himself told the Washington Post, his fundraising expertise and connections are real assets to the Gray campaign and the campaign likely put his expertise and connections to work on behalf of the campaign. OCF should investigate whether "Gray for Mayor" ever authorized Mr. LeSueur to raise funds on its behalf and whether the Gray campaign provided Mr. LeSueur with the names (and contact information) of the "maxed-out" donors that Mr. LeSueur plans to solicit for "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor." See Exhibit B. Finally, OCF should investigate whether Mr. LeSueur received any form of compensation or reimbursement from the Gray campaign for his services (as volunteers often do, especially when they canvass on multiple occasions, as Mr. LeSueur did).

If Mr. LeSueur or another agent of "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" coordinated with "Gray for Mayor," any expenditure made by "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" should be treated as an in-kind contribution to "Gray for Mayor." If such expenditures, in the aggregate, exceed \$2,000 for this election cycle, then "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" would be making, and "Gray for Mayor" would be accepting, contributions in excess of the limits prescribed by D.C. St. § 1-1131.01(a). This would be a violation by both "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" and "Gray for Mayor." *Id.*

2. "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" Violated the Regulation Governing the Naming of Unauthorized Committees

"Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" is *not* an authorized committee of Vince Gray. Under the District's campaign finance laws, an unauthorized committee may "not include the name of any candidate for elective office in the District of Columbia in its name." See 3 DCMR § 3000.7. Vince Gray, of course, is a candidate for Mayor. Therefore, by including "Vince Gray" in its name, "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" is in clear violation of 3 DCMR § 3000.7.

3. "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" Failed to File a Statement of Organization within Ten Days of Becoming a Political Committee

A "political committee" means "any proposer, individual, committee (including a principal campaign committee), club, association, organization, or other group of individuals organized for the purpose of, or engaged in ... *promoting or opposing the nomination or election of an individual to office.*" D.C. St. § 1-1101.01(5) (emphasis added). Because it is organized to promote the election of Vince Gray, "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" is a political committee.

Every political committee must file a Statement of Organization within 10 days of "organization." *See* D.C. St. § 1-1102.04; 3 DCMR § 3000.1. A political committee becomes "organized" when any "proposer, individual, committee, club, association, organization, or other group of individuals formally agree, orally or in writing, or decide to promote or oppose ... the nomination or election of an individual to office." 3 DCMR § 3000.2.

By the time it sent its solicitation letter on July 12, 2010, "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" had already organized itself as "an independent committee raising money to help elect Vincent C. Gray Mayor of Washington DC." Thus, at the latest, "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" had an obligation to file a Statement of Organization with OCF on July 22, 2010. Yet as of July 26, 2010, according to OCF, "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" had yet to file such a Statement. The committee's refusal to file represents a clear and ongoing violation of the District's registration requirement. *See* D.C. St. § 1-1102.04; 3 DCMR § 3000.1.

4. "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" May Have Accepted Contributions and Made Expenditures without the Authorization of its Chairman or Treasurer

Political committees may not accept contributions or make expenditures while there is a vacancy in the position of treasurer. *See* D.C. St. § 1-1102.01(a). Likewise, political committees may not make expenditures without the authorization of their chairman or treasurer. *See id.* Because it has not filed a Statement of Organization, "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" may not

have designated a chairman or a treasurer. If OCF finds that "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" has accepted contributions or made expenditures before naming a treasurer, or that it has made expenditures without the authorization of its chairman or treasurer, then "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" likely violated § 1-1102.01(a).

5. "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" May Have Made Expenditures without Designating a Depository Account

Political committees must designate in its Statement of Organization one or more national banks located in the District of Columbia as the campaign depository account(s), and make expenditures on checks drawn from those depository account(s). *See* D.C. St. § 1-1102.03(a). Because it has not filed a Statement of Organization, "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" has not designated such an account. If OCF finds that "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" has not designated such an account or if it finds that it did not make expenditures on checks drawn from those accounts, then "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" likely violated § 1-1102.03(a).

6. "Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor" Failed to Include a Proper Disclaimer on its Solicitations and Literature

Political committees must include on the face or front page of all literature and advertisements soliciting funds the following notice:

A copy of our report is filed with the Director of Campaign Finance of the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics.

See D.C. St. § 1-1102.01(e). While the July 12, 2010 letter clearly constituted a written solicitation of funds, it did not contain this disclaimer statement. *See* Exhibit A. Consequently, the July 12, 2010 letter violated § 1-1102.01(e).

C. REQUESTED ACTION

For the reasons described above, I respectfully urge the OCF to investigate the violations described herein. I further request that Respondents be enjoined from further violations and be

fined the maximum amount permitted by law. See D.C. St. § 1-1103.05(b). Given that the primary election will be held in fewer 50 days, I ask that OCF expedite its review of this matter.

Sincerely,


William P. Lightfoot

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of July, 2010.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

October 14, 2010

ERIKA THOMPSON
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires October 14, 2014

Exhibit A



Friends of Vince Gray For Mayor



July 12, 2010

Dear President / CEO,

We are Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor, an independent committee raising money to help elect Vincent C. Gray Mayor of Washington, DC on September 14, in the Democratic Primary.

As you may know, Mr. Gray is currently Chairman of the Washington DC City Council, a native of the City and is fully committed to economic growth and development. A Gray Administration would bring transparency and inclusion for all, ending "sweetheart deals and cronyism".

To date, Chairman Gray has received the endorsements of the:

- DC Chambers of Commerce
- Gertrude Stein Democratic Club (largest and oldest Gay Rights Organization in DC)
- D.C. police and fire/EMS unions
- American Federation of Government Employees
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- Metropolitan Washington Council of the AFL-CIO
- D.C. Nurses Association

Recently, in the Democratic city-wide straw poll, Chairman Gray received 703 votes to Fenty's 190. Additionally, according to the Washington Post, "D.C. Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray edged past Adrian M. Fenty in the Ward 3 Democratic straw poll, **eking out a victory in a part of town that had been widely believed to be the mayor's strongest base of support.**"

Lastly, June's finance reports revealed that while Fenty has a bigger war chest, Chairman Gray, has three times more contributors, which translates into votes. As you can see, Chairman Gray has great momentum and is poised to become Mayor on September 14th.

However, with less than two and a half months until Election Day and Fenty's 10 to 1 cash advantage, we are URGENTLY asking our supporters to help ensure victory for Chairman Gray by Contributing TODAY!

While all contributions are welcomed and much appreciated, we suggest (but not limited to):

\$500... \$1000... \$1500... \$2000... (For your convenience, please find a contribution envelope enclosed)

Should you have any questions contact Clinton LeSueur or Royce Griffin at 202-239-1738 or e-mail our team at, friendsofgrayformayor@gmail.com

Yours Truly,

Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor

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Embarrassing early morning correction: The Sinky Dink track is "Five for Fenty," not "Fire for Fenty" <http://bit.ly/c4zCMg> about an hour ago

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Independent fundraising could aid Vince Gray's campaign effort

Mayor candidate Vincent Gray is thus far facing an almost 10-to-one fundraising disadvantage compared with incumbent Adrian Fenty. But some Gray supporters have drummed up a way to help bridge that gap by taking a page from the big-time federal election sphere: an independent political committee.

Gray ally Clinton LeSueur has sent out letters to area business leaders asking for contributions to "Friends of Vince Gray For Mayor" -- billed as "an independent committee raising money to help elect" Gray.

Like federally registered political parties, political action committees and "527" groups, Friends of Vince Gray for Mayor would be prohibited from coordinating its fundraising or spending in any manner with the authorized campaign. But with that stricture comes great benefits under D.C. election law.

Check out D.C. Code § 1-1131.01(f): "Any expenditure made by any person advocating the election or defeat or any candidate for office which is not made at the request or suggestion of the candidate, any agent of the candidate, or any political committee authorized by the candidate to make expenditures or receive contributions for the candidate is not considered a contribution to or an expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate for the purposes of the limitations specified in this subchapter."

In other words, the independent spending is not subject to the standard contribution limits -- \$2,000 per person or corporation in mayoral races.

Wesley Williams, an official with the city campaign finance office, confirms that the group's organizers had sought information from his office, but he says that they have not formally registered the committee. They would not be required to register until the next committee reporting deadline, which is Aug. 10.

LeSueur says Friends of Vince is "another tier, another layer" in the effort to elect his candidate. "Basically it's just another campaign," he said Tuesday. "This is just kind of a net to spread it wide. Anyone can be a part of it."

He also says he has the "wherewithal" and "experience" to give Gray an edge in the fundraising battle. "This is what I do," he said -- and it's what he did for Fenty, whose 2006 campaign he worked for before breaking with him over an alleged nonpayment of wages.

Traci Hughes, spokeswoman for the official Gray campaign, says that LeSueur's effort is in no way affiliated with the campaign in terms of using any of the campaign disclaimers. "Anything he does is of his own volition," Hughes said Wednesday.



LeSueur would not share his fundraising goals, but he said the committee hopes to raise "a substantial amount" -- including from donors who have maxed out with the Gray campaign. It might be spent, he says, on yard signs, paid staffers and perhaps even advertisements.


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The solicitation letter -- which was mainly sent to area business leaders listed in public directories, LeSueur says -- is much less slick than official Gray campaign letterhead, but there is some resemblance: the fonts and colors are similar.

But LeSueur says he is fully aware that his efforts must remain completely separate from Gray's.

"We have absolutely nothing to hide," LeSueur says. "We want to make sure we do everything in our power to get Vince Gray elected mayor."

By Mike DeBonis | July 21, 2010; 3:48 PM ET

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Mississippi Republican Friends of Gray for Chair just doesn't have the same ring to it, does it?

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Also, check out photos of lesueur and fenty's cozy relationship at mocrs.dc.gov, plus more photos to come

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what!! I know something is wrong now, lesueur has left fenty this guy is one of the founding fathers of fenty's green team. i definitely need to take a second look.

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Exhibit C

The Washington Post

Former campaign worker sues, says Fenty owes him money

By Nikita Stewart
Washington Post Staff Writer
Friday, May 21, 2010; B04

A former campaign worker for Mayor Adrian M. Fenty is suing him for money the staffer says he is owed for helping seal the 2007 win of D.C. Council member Muriel Bowser, the mayor's handpicked successor for his Ward 4 seat.

D.C. Superior Court Magistrate Judge Michael J. McCarthy reinstated Clinton LeSueur's small-claims case Thursday after LeSueur explained that he missed a court date in April because he was out of town caring for a sick cousin.

McCarthy ruled that Fenty (D) would be sued personally and that the city would not be a defendant, according to court documents.

He set a trial for June 14, days after a new campaign finance report will probably show Fenty surpassing \$4 million in contributions for his reelection bid.

"I'm going to have to delay comment," said lawyer Bruce Klores, a longtime fundraiser for Fenty who is representing the mayor in the case. "Call back in a couple of days."

In an interview Thursday, LeSueur said Fenty asked him to work on Bowser's May 2007 special-election contest to finish Fenty's council term. LeSueur said he agreed to be the field coordinator for \$4,000 a month and a \$12,500 bonus if Bowser (D) won.

He said that after Bowser won, the mayor began dodging him about the payment, though he was offered a communications position in the administration, which he began in June 2007. He most recently worked as a special assistant in the Department of Employment Services and earned more than \$81,000 annually. He said he resigned in late February, frustrated by the delayed payment from 2007.

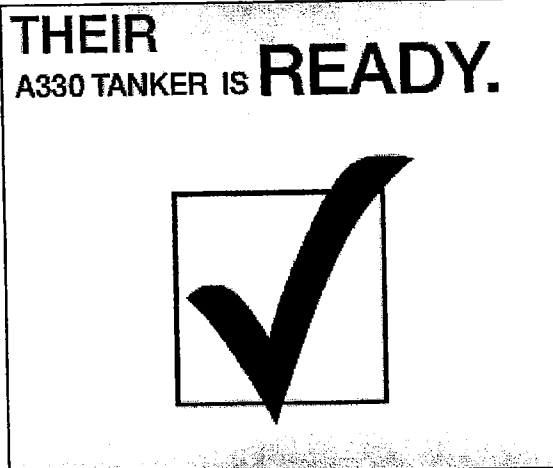
LeSueur, a Democrat turned Republican who ran for Congress in his home state of Mississippi in 2002 and 2004, said he has a mortgage in Mississippi and an apartment in the District.

He said he is a volunteer for Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray, Fenty's chief challenger in the September Democratic primary. Although LeSueur says he is owed \$12,500, he said he decided to file in small-claims court, which is limited to claims of less than \$5,000, because "I'm just trying to get what I can get."

"I told Adrian, 'I just want my money,' " he added.

Campaign finance records show that LeSueur earned \$4,000 on Fenty's 2006 campaign and \$20,000 on

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Bowser said LeSueur's case could not involve money owed for her campaign. "Any money owed to Clinton has been paid," she said.

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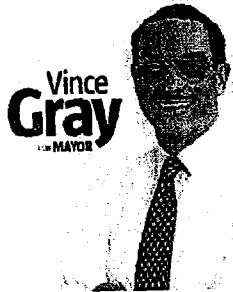
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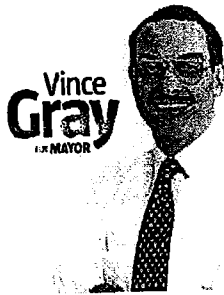
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OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE OF THE VINCE GRAY FOR MAYOR CAMPAIGN | These challenging financial times demand a Mayor who will work for every DC resident. That means more quality jobs, better schools, and safer neighborhoods.

Information

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United States

Currently Running For

Office:
Mayor
State:
Washington, DC
Party:
Democrat

Current Office

Office:
City Council Chairman
State:
Washington, DC

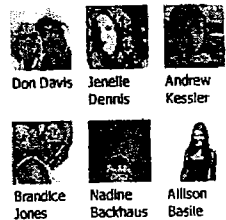
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Vince Gray It's been amazing seeing all the Vince Gray signs across the city. Do you have one in your yard or window yet? Want one? Go to <http://vincegrayformayor.com/sign> to request one!
May 2 at 3:07pm

Clinton B. LeSueur, Franklin Garcia and 12 others like this.



Leslie Charles One in the front yard, one in the back window, and one in my car trunk for the first person saying they need one!
May 2 at 3:57pm · Flag



Nata Pfefferkorn condo dweller here who needs you to make tshirts vince
May 2 at 4:05pm · Flag



Lane Hudson I've been seeing signs popping up all over the Logan Circle area and the U Street corridor. Heck, I'm even seeing cars with Vince Gray for Mayor signs!
May 2 at 4:32pm · Flag



Betty Cade I live in Maryland. I want a sign too.
May 2 at 7:43pm · Flag



Pamela Bringintheheat Shands-Johnson got mine in my yard front and back! In the window too! lol hope the neighbors will get the hint...change coming soon
May 2 at 8:20pm · Flag



Pamela Bringintheheat Shands-Johnson I KNOW YOU GOT FRIENDS IN dc JUST ASK THEM TO GIVE YOU SOME AND THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO
May 2 at 8:41pm · Flag



Clinton B. LeSueur Sir, knocked on every door and left a Vince for Mayor flyer between Wisconsin Ave. and St. John School on Military Rd Saturday and Today... You're represented there now. Check out the corner of Military and 41st St NW - Sweet!! Plus another 20 signs in the 5200, 5300, 5400 of 2nd St NW; also Jefferson St. NW -- Inputting my date to send in now -- WE'ER GOING TO GET THIS DONE!
May 2 at 11:28pm · Flag



Pamela Bringintheheat Shands-Johnson oh yeah! gray day for mr. fenty!
May 3 at 9:01am · Flag



Rennie Morgan No cost a living in 3 yearsNo steps increase for 2010..Let's get Fenty out of here!!!!
May 3 at 9:27am · Flag



Nicole Perozier I've got mine. Let's paint DC blue and white!
May 3 at 9:44am · Flag



Wendy Glenn Nate--I sent you a message about acquiring a t-shirt.
May 3 at 10:25am · Flag



Jennifer R. Fraser-Taylor I tried but it wont deliver to Northern Virginia. :(I want one. I used to work with him at Covenant House in 2004. He did great job!
May 6 at 7:53pm · Flag



Wendy Glenn Jennifer, If you come and volunteer with the campaign you will receive a t-shirt. And yes, he is a wonderful person, father, and candidate for Mayor of this great City.
May 8 at 7:06pm · Flag

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Contests & Free Stuff

Win a free car wash from Mr. Wash Win tickets to see the comedy: *The Importance of Being Earnest*
Win advanced screening passes to see *Takers* Win tickets to see Sound Tribe Sector 9 Win tickets to see the Washington Nationals vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

Events

Beatles Trivia Night - Win Tickets to *Abbey Road on the River!* S.O.S (Summer of Schlock) Movie Night! OVO by Cirque du Soleil - Happy Hour Ticket Giveaway
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Gray Says 'Let's Get It On': Loose Lips Daily

Posted by Mike DeBonis on Apr. 22, 2010 at 11:52 am

As much local politics as humanly possible. Send your tips, releases, stories, events, etc. to lips@washingtontocitypaper.com. And get LL Daily sent straight to your inbox every morning!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT---'Bryan Weaver to Officially Challenge Jim Graham in Ward 1!'; 'Teachers Make Rap Video to Motivate Students for Testing!'; and tweets galore!

IN LL WEEKLY---Muzzle Burned: The moral high ground interferes with the fight for D.C. voting rights.

Morning all. D.C. Council Chairman **Vincent C. Gray's** heretofore abortive mayoral run approached something like full swing last night in the home of philanthropist **Judith Terra**. About 200 gathered in the Gold Coast manse to drop off checks, pick up yard signs, munch on crudites and cookies, and give praise to the man who would topple incumbent **Adrian M. Fenty**---who, not coincidentally, held fundraisers at Terra's home four years ago. Former Mayor **Sharon Pratt**, Gray's old boss, offered a few words of support. Councilmember **Michael Brown**, in brief remarks, praised Gray's work ethic and his 'compassion,' which, make no mistake, means something in particular. As Brown put it, Gray understands 'you don't have to kick the old people out to bring the new people in.' The candidate, in a brief speech, roughly outlined a platform heavy on a 'comprehensive approach' to education---more detail, he promised, will come at his campaign kickoff Saturday. Gray's sendoff: 'I'm a big Marvin Gaye fan,' Gray told the crowd. 'I want you all to adopt a battle cry of "Let's Get It On."' More at D.C. Wire.

*AFTER THE JUMP---*The Blue Team takes shape; GOP will appeal Gray OCF findings; congressmen ride herd at Metro hearing; Gunn Report sees light of day; EPA sets ambitious runoff goals for WASA; Cheh wants D.C. to join popular-vote effort; FLOTUS hits River Terrace

MORE---Gray announced his top campaign staff yesterday, starting with longtime friend and fellow Pratt administration vet **Lorraine Green** as his campaign chair. **Adam Rubinson**, a tech consultant who served as **Suzanne Peck's** deputy in the Williams administration technology office, is campaign manager. **Mo Elleithee**, big in national and Virginia politics, is a 'senior advisor.' Veteran media

consultant **Steve McMahon** is on the team, as is ubiquitous pollster **Ron Lester**. He's also got direct mail and new media people on board. Notable: **Traci Hughes**, ousted last year as Fenty's MPD spokesperson, is handling press. And Gray's executive assistant is Wilson Building vet **Stephanie Reich**, former chief of staff to **Linda Cropp**. Also seen at the event: Former Fentyites **Neil Richardson** and **Clinton LeSueur**. More at [D.C. Wire](#).

The D.C. Republican Committee, meanwhile, won't allow questions about Gray's ethics to disappear. D.C. GOP Executive Director **Paul Craney** tells WaPo's **Tim Craig** that the group plans to file an appeal to the Office of Campaign Finance's findings clearing Gray of wrongdoing with regard to Democratic National Convention fundraising in 2008. The GOP position is 'that [the OCF] decision "opens the doors" to elected officials using their offices to raise money for political purposes. Under election law, lawyers for the GOP allege, the act of raising money is governed by what organization or committee the money is raised for - not what it is used for....Gray, noting it is being filed by the GOP, called the appeal "purely political" in a brief interview Wednesday night. "They conducted a four month investigation and looked at all the facts," Gray said of the campaign finance office. "It seems frivolous and unwarranted to me." If the ruling is not overturned, GOP lawyers and leaders say elected officials will be able to use government resources to raise money for their campaign accounts so long as they specify the money will be used for charitable or non-political purposes.' The appeal goes to the Board of Elections and Ethics, and perhaps then to Superior Court.

Jonetta Rose Barras, meanwhile, digs into the 'sins of Sinclair Skinner', whom she deems an 'FBOF,' or Frat Brother of Fenty. The mayoral crony and engineering-form owner 'has a memory worse than my 87-year-old aunt,' she writes. 'What the amnesiac did remember during his appearance before a D.C. Council committee was disturbing, and justifies banning his company from doing business with the city....Bilking the public is never acceptable. It's always unethical, and demands punishment. **David Gagan**, the city's chief procurement officer, attempted to penalize Skinner. Sources told me that on March 18 Skinner's company was banned from city contracting. "On March 19 [Attorney General **Peter Nickles**] made OCP take it back," a source said. That's outrageous, but not surprising. In 2008, in a similar case involving recreation projects, Inspector General **Charles Willoughby** recommended the city collect \$2 million in overpayments made to **Jair Lynch Consulting/Alpha Corp.** and the Temple Group. Nickles didn't implement that recommendation. What does he care? It's not his money....The attorney general's intervention, preventing Skinner's debarment, means Fenty doesn't recognize the need to jettison the hustler from his inner circle. What's more, it tells future contractors it's OK to rip off the government---especially if you're a FBOF.'

MAYORAL FORUM ALERT---[D.C. Wire](#) notes that the civic associations in Palisades, Cleveland Park, and Foxhall are hosting a mayoral forum on June 3 at Key ES; Gray and **Leo Alexander** have already RSVP'd, while the Fenty campaign 'said it is still considering the request.' **Sulaimon Brown** is wondering where his invitation is. There also is a forum scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight at Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown; unclear who will be attending.

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Reaction continues rolling in to the latest setback, and possible death knell, for the D.C. House Voting Rights Act. The [WaPo editorial board](#) says the move to avert a guns-for-vote deal was 'difficult but correct' and that it 'won't end D.C. residents' struggle' to win its franchise. 'The city now finds itself back at square one with voting rights and sure to face more initiatives in an election year from a newly emboldened gun lobby. Rep. **Travis Childers** (D-Miss.), a co-sponsor of the extreme measures rejected by Ms. Norton, said he won't be thwarted, and he announced plans to introduce separate legislation. That the District was willing to sacrifice a vote in Congress for the protections of its reasonable gun regulations should underscore their significance---not only for city home rule but for