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**To:** City Elections <[elections@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:elections@portlandoregon.gov)>  
**Subject:** Regarding Complaint: 2024-09-RG

Dear Ms. Hansen

I just received the notice of complaint 2024-09-RG.

I am new to Portland, having purchased a downtown condo last July. While our primary residence is in Texas we have a son who plays soccer for the Portland Pilots and I'm a native Oregonian. Our downtown purchase was a vote of confidence in the future of the city.

Our neighbors asked us to make a donation to the Gonzalez campaign. I do not know Mr. Gonzalez, nor have I ever met him, but I am familiar through our neighbors and Oregon Live with his efforts to deal with downtown homelessness, crime, etc.

We are not familiar with Portland's campaign finance regulations and I did not understand that Mr. Gonzalez qualified for city funding and was therefore limited to a \$579.00 donation.

After we made the donations, we received notice from the Gonzalez campaign that we exceeded the limit and that they were issuing us a refund. That was fine with us and we did not realize the refund had to be processed within seven days of the donation. Therefore we did not ask the campaign for an immediate refund.

Post the refunds, I believe our net contribution to the campaign was \$450. It was, in hindsight, a poor investment since Mr. Gonzalez was shellacked last night.

We apologize for our confusion and unintentional breach of the donation limit, understanding that post the refunds we were well within the limit.

This is a great lesson for us.....other than my donations to Obama (and Colin Allred in Texas) this was one of our few political campaign contributions ever. Going forward, we'll stick to expressing our political views through voting and not donating money! :-)

If you have additional questions you can reach me at 214-918-5728. Again, we apologize and with the regulations now crystal clear, there will never be a similar oversight.

Best regards,

Bill Cornog  
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