

# Exhibit A

August 15, 2022

Susan Mottet  
Director  
Small Donor Elections  
1221 SW Fourth Street, Room 220  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Susan,

This letter serves to acknowledge the email of August 10, 2022 regarding a complaint alleging campaign contribution violations.

The answers to your questions are below and attached are the relevant documentations.

1. When the agreement was made to rent the property?
  - The agreement was made on April 26, 2022, with term beginning May 1, 2022. We did not take possession until around May 5th. Please see attached.
  - Of note – there is substantial office vacancy downtown and tenants are routinely getting multiple months of rent free when signing long-term leases. Because we rented month-to-month, we availed ourselves of lower monthly rent (instead of getting months of free rent).
2. Who was your contact at Schnitzer Properties Management?

Our contact at Schnitzer Properties Management Kayleigh Cavanaugh.  
KayleighC@schnitzerproperties.com.
3. Who all on the campaign side was involved in arranging for renting this space?
  - On the campaign side, Candidate Rene Gonzalez and campaign manager Shah Smith were involved in arranging the space rental.
4. Who, outside of your campaign, was involved in finding this space?
  - Nobody outside of Landlord and their management company.
5. When was the rental/lease agreement documents were signed?
  - See above and attached.
6. When rent is due?
  - See above and attached.
7. What is the amount due?
  - Rent is \$250 monthly and utility usage is \$540 monthly for a total of \$790 a month.
8. Are there any charges for anything other than rent (e.g. security deposit)?
  - Other than rent, there is a monthly charge for utility usage (see previous answer). There was no security deposit.

9. When all payments that have been made to date to Schnitzer Properties Management were made and what those payments covered?
  - There have been two payments made to Schnitzer Properties Management. Check 1037 for \$1,580 for May and June rent and check 1051 for \$790 for July (check stubs attached). See answer #7 for breakdown of payments. We recently set up auto payments to be directly paid from the campaign bank account, but Schnitzer Properties Management has not yet pulled out the money for the month of August.
10. What the nature of the rented space is and what it comes with (e.g. phone lines, copy machine, internet, computers, office supplies, furnishings, meeting rooms, parking space, etc.)?
  - The rented space does not include phone, copy machine, internet, or computers. It does include some basic office suppliers, meeting rooms, and parking space.

Additional documentation includes:

- Rental/lease agreement
- Check stubs for checks 1037 and 1051.

Please let me know if you need any further information or documentation.

Thank you,

*Rene Gonzalez*

Rene Gonzalez  
Candidate  
Rene for Portland