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To: Financial Institution

Re: Municipal Election – Candidate Campaign Account Requirements

This letter is to advise financial institutions of the requirements for candidates running in the 2026 Municipal Elections, under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.

Any candidate who intends to accept contributions or incur expenses is required to open a bank account in the name of their campaign, used exclusively for election campaign purposes. Examples of acceptable account names include “Campaign for John Doe” or “John Doe’s Campaign”.

The Act does not prohibit a municipal candidate from being a signing officer on the campaign account, nor does it require the candidate to have a chief financial officer, as is the case with provincial and federal candidates.

Section 88.22(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 provides, in part, that a candidate shall ensure that:

- (a) no contributions of money are accepted, or expenses are incurred unless one or more campaign accounts are first opened at a financial institution exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign;
- (b) all contributions of money are deposited into the campaign accounts;
- (c) all funds in the campaign accounts are used exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign
- (d) all payments for expenses are made from the campaign accounts;

This information is provided to assist with the opening and administration of municipal election campaign accounts. Should you have any further questions on this matter, please contact me at 905-697-4747.

Yours truly,



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