

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )  
IN THE MATTER OF: )  
Complaint C2021-072 )  
Edward C. Sutton )  
Complainant. )  
Harry J. Griffin )  
Respondent. )

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

**COUNT ONE**  
**FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION**  
**SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(1), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to disclose campaign contributions from the following contributors: Harry Griffin, Old South Carriage Co., Mark Davis, Hagood Morrison, JB Luzuriaga, Thomas Brush, Jeremy Glendenning, Cash-In Ticket, Town & Country Inn and Suites, Christopher Phillips, and Joseph Bush, all in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(1).

**COUNT TWO**  
**FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION**  
**SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(1), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to disclose contributions of \$100.00 or less on his 2018 Quarter 4 Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(1).

**COUNT THREE**  
**FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION**  
**SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(1), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to disclose contributions of \$100.00 or less on his 2019 Quarter 3 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(1).

**COUNT FOUR**  
**FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(2), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to disclose an October 31, 2017 expenditure in the amount of \$1,628.00 and a November 17, 2017 expenditure in the amount of \$5,500.00 to Ryan Castle, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(2).

**COUNT FIVE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$199.92 in campaign funds to a personal account on September 18, 2017, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT SIX**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer

\$500.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on February 15, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT SEVEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$300.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on April 9, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT EIGHT**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$75.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on April 15, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT NINE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$125.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on April 15, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT TEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$500.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on April 22, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT ELEVEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$50.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on April 24, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT TWELVE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$100.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on April 26, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTEEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$500.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on April 29, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT FOURTEEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$348.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on May 16, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT FIFTEEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer

\$10.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on September 4, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT SIXTEEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$60.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on September 4, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT SEVENTEEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$25.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on September 9, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT EIGHTEEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$6.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on November 7, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT NINETEEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$15.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on December 24, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT TWENTY**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$8.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on January 7, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT TWENTY-ONE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$7.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on November 17, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT TWENTY-TWO**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$1,000.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on May 13, 2021, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT TWENTY-THREE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer \$1,000.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on May 19, 2021, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT TWENTY-FOUR**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, transfer

\$1,000.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on June 11, 2021, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT TWENTY-FIVE**  
**EXCESSIVE CASH WITHDRAWAL**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348(C), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, write a check made out to "cash" on August 24, 2017 in the amount of \$360.67, in violation of Section 8-13-1348(C).

**COUNT TWENTY-SIX**  
**EXCESSIVE CASH WITHDRAWAL**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348(C), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, City of Charleston Councilmember, did in Richland County, write a check made out to "cash" on August 31, 2017 in the amount of \$2,374.94, in violation of Section 8-13-1348(C).

**COUNT TWENTY-SEVEN**  
**FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(1), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, fail to disclose three (3) personal contributions of \$100.00 or more on his 2021 Quarter 3 and 2021 Quarter 4 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(1).

**COUNT TWENTY-EIGHT**  
**FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(3), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, fail to disclose \$242.64 of personal contributions, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(3).

**COUNT TWENTY-NINE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$1,000.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on July 8, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$1,500.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on July 16, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY-ONE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$500.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on August 12, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY-TWO**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$1,500.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on August 30, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY-THREE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County,



transfer \$1,175.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on September 9, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY-FOUR**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$50.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on November 12, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY-FIVE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$10.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on November 26, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY-SIX**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$15.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on December 24, 2019, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY-SEVEN**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$8.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on January 7, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

**COUNT THIRTY-EIGHT**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$4.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on June 9, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

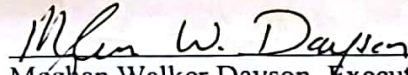
**COUNT THIRTY-NINE**  
**USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE**  
**SECTION 8-13-1348, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Harry J. Griffin, candidate for City of Charleston Mayor, did in Richland County, transfer \$5.00 in campaign funds to a personal account on November 17, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-1348.

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

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A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.

  
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Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director  
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 22 day,  
of April 2024.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this NOTICE OF HEARING was duly served on the RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY E. Culver Kidd, Esq. by depositing said NOTICE OF HEARING in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



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