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By E-mail

Benedetto Casale
Ben-Chris Realty LLC



FINAL BOARD DETERMINATION – EC2021 INDEPENDENT SPENDER

The New York City Campaign Finance Board (“Board”), at a meeting held on March 10, 2022, made the following final determination concerning Ben-Chris Realty LLC:

The Board determined that Ben-Chris Realty LLC violated the New York City Charter and Board Rules and that the Independent Spender, Ben-Chris Realty LLC, and its Authorized Representative, Benedetto Casale, are jointly and severally liable for paying \$350 in penalties as follows:

A penalty of \$350 for failure to file. *See* NYC Charter § 1052(a)(15)(b); Board Rules 14-02, 14-03. Following an investigation, CFB staff determined that Ben-Chris Realty LLC (“Ben-Chris”) had spent \$1,400 to produce and install an advertisement on a billboard promoting the campaign of Vito Fossella for Staten Island Borough President (the “Campaign”). Ben-Chris paid for the communication in May of 2021. Based on the evidence available, the expenditure was made independently of the Campaign. Based on the date of the expenditure, it was required to be reported on June 11, 2021; no filing was received until November 29, 2021. A filing is considered failed if it is not submitted prior to the deadline for the subsequent report. The Board assessed a penalty of 25% of the \$1,400 expenditure.

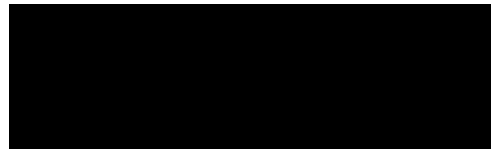
The Board determined that the amount due is \$350.

You must pay to the Board the full amount due of **\$350** no later than **April 11, 2022**. Checks should be made payable to the “New York City Election Campaign Finance Fund,” and mailed to the attention of Timothy Jutte, Associate Counsel, New York City Campaign Finance Board, 100 Church Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or delivered to the offices of the Board.

If the Board is not in receipt of the full \$350 by April 11, 2022, the Independent Spender's name and the unpaid amount will be posted on the Board's Website and the Board may initiate a civil action against the Independent Spender and its Authorized Representative to compel payment.

You may challenge this final determination, within four months, in the New York State Supreme Court pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

If you need additional time to pay this amount or if you have any questions concerning this Final Board Determination, please contact Timothy Jutte, Associate Counsel, at (212) 409-1866 or TJutte@nyccfb.info.



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