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VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

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RE: Use and Return of CTCL Funds

Dear Attorney Riordan,

In September 2020, our office received a grant award from the Center for Tech and Civic Life ("CTCL"). The January 2021 report referenced in your correspondence does not reflect the total amount of grant money spent, but rather the amount of grant money expended as of that date. The next reporting deadline is at the end of June 2021, and will reflect expenditures from January to May 6, 2021. As of May 6, 2021, our office had not used the entirety of said grant money. The remaining funds remain in a trust account, held separate from other funds, as we await further direction from the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections and the CTCL.

On May 6, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Senate Bill 90, enacting into law a provision prohibiting the Supervisor of Elections from "solicit[ing], accept[ing], us[ing], or dispos[ing] of any donation in the form of money, grants, property, or personal services from an individual or a nongovernmental entity for the purpose of funding election-related expenses or voter education, voter outreach, or registration programs." Fla. Stat. Ann. § 97.0291.

The Supervisor of Elections has no legal obligation to immediately return outstanding funds to the CTCL. As previously stated, the funds in question remain separate from all others and will not be accessed until the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Election receives guidance from Department of State and the CTCL.

Sincerely,

Wendy Sartory Link
Supervisor of Elections, Palm Beach County