

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

The Town of Caledon
ATTN: Town Clerk & Members of the Compliance Audit Committee
6311 Old Church Road
Caledon, Ontario

(Delivered via email to Laura.Hall@Caledon.ca)

RE: 2022 Municipal Election Contributions – Valentina Romano, Staff Report #2023-0377

Dear esteemed Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you with this letter.

My name is Valentina Romano. I received notice of a meeting of the Compliance Audit Committee taking place on Monday, July 10, 2023.

I am very sorry that I cannot attend the July 10th hearing in person. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I hope that this letter will be considered by the Committee in my absence.

In the period leading up to the Caledon municipal election in 2022, I contributed to 6 candidates in total. None of my contributions exceeded the allowed \$1,200 to any one candidate. However while I knew about the \$1,200 per-candidate limit at the time, I did not actually know about the \$5,000 combined limit in addition to that. As a result, I was not keeping a close eye on the total when I made these contributions. It wasn't until I received notice of the July 10th hearing that I realized my mistake.

I am ashamed and concerned about my error and its consequences. This is my first time making a mistake like this. I certainly did not intend to exceed any contribution limits. Though I now recognize that the global limit was exceeded, it was made in sincere error, and I will ensure this never occurs in future. I am very sorry.

If there is anything I can do to help resolve this mistake, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Valentina