

**BEFORE THE STATE ELECTION BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

In the matter of:

DABOUZE ANTOINE,

Respondent.

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SEB Case 2017-075

Clayton County

CONSENT ORDER

The State Election Board, by and through counsel, and Dabouze Antoine (“Respondent”) hereby enter into the following Consent Order for use in this matter before the State Election Board in lieu of an evidentiary hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the following Paragraphs 1 through 3 have been asserted against Respondent. Respondent denies any willful misconduct but desires that the above-captioned case be resolved in its entirety in order to avoid further litigation. Respondent acknowledges that there is evidence of a *prima facie* case supporting the following assertions and enters into this negotiated Consent Order to resolve the issues that arose related to the November 7, 2017 Forest Park Municipal Election.

1.

An investigation found that Respondent, a candidate for city council was photographed campaigning within 150 feet of the Forest Park Recreation Center polling location.

2.

An election official and law enforcement confronted Respondent while he was holding a campaign sign and asked him to move beyond the 150-foot warning sign. Respondent reportedly complied.

3.

By campaigning within 150 feet of a polling location, Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-414(a)(1) of the Georgia Election Code.

ORDER

1.

This Consent Order addresses and resolves all matters regarding Respondent in connection with SEB case file 2017-075.

2.

The State Election Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, inclusive of the within and foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, hereby ORDERS that Respondent cease and desist from further violations of the Election Code, and hereby publicly reprimands Respondent. The State Election Board further ORDERS Respondent to pay a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) civil penalty to the State Election Board, to be paid within sixty (60) days after the State Election Board's approval of this consent order.

3.

Respondent has been provided with a copy of this Consent Order and has acknowledged that he understands the contents. Respondent understands that he has a right to a hearing in this matter. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives such right to a hearing, as well as any other rights under the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act pertaining to notice and hearing for contested cases, by entering into this Consent Order.

4.

This Consent Order is entered in settlement of disputed matters, and the Consent Order entered herein is not to be construed as an admission of guilt or liability on the part of

Respondent but is entered herein to resolve this State Election Board case. This Consent Order is a civil settlement and has no criminal ramifications.

5.

This Consent Order, inclusive of its Stipulations and Order, shall not become effective unless and until approved by the State Election Board. If not approved by and executed on behalf of the State Election Board, neither the stipulations nor any other part of this agreement shall have any binding legal effect whatsoever and shall not constitute an admission against interest or prejudice the ability of either the State Election Board or Respondent to adjudicate this matter.

[SIGNATURE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

This 7th day of July, 2021.

Consented to:

BY: 
Dabouze Antoine

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 7th day
of July, 2021.


NOTARY PUBLIC



Approved by the State Election Board this 10th day of August, 2021.

STATE ELECTION BOARD

BY: 