

TOWN OF CALEDON

DECISION of the MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Established under Section 88.37(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (the "Act")

CLERK'S REPORT RESPECTING A CONTRIBUTOR WHO APPEARS TO HAVE EXCEEDED ANY OF THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UNDER SECTION 88.9 OF THE ACT

GAETANO FRANCO

With respect to the meeting held on July 10, 2023 to address Staff Report 2023-0374: Apparent Over-Contribution Pursuant to Section 88.9 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* – Gaetano Franco, concerning the contributions made by Gaetano Franco during the 2022-2026 Municipal Election Campaign:

Gaetano Franco's apparent contribution of funds in the amount of \$6,400 exceeded the maximum allowable contribution of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same Council in an election period pursuant to Section 88.9 of the *Act*.

Gaetano Franco provided written comments testifying to exceeding the contribution limit in error.

As Gaetano Franco has no apparent history of over contribution, has admitted to an error in bookkeeping and has sincerely apologized, the Committee accepts this explanation and will not be commencing legal proceedings against Gaetano Franco for the contravention.

Gaetano Franco is advised to exercise greater care in tracking the total amount of his contributions in the future.

Dated at the Town of Caledon on July 10, 2023.

Written and approved by the following Committee Members:

Steven Byrd

Niki Sriskandarajah