

attended the African Network of Southwest Florida's Annual Gala.⁹ Rep. Omar was the keynote speaker at the organization's annual gala, which was a fundraiser for the organization. Rep. Omar was also paid \$800 for her speech at the event.¹⁰ Although Rep. Omar might not have been the keynote speaker at this event had she not been elected to the Minnesota House, she did not attend this event to assist her in the performance of her duties as a legislator. Therefore, the Omar committee could not pay the \$207 airfare as a noncampaign disbursement. Rep. Omar must repay her committee \$207 for this expense.

Based on the body of evidence before it, the Board makes the following:

Findings of fact

1. Neighbors for Ilhan (Omar) is the principal campaign committee of Rep. Ilhan Omar.
2. In 2016, the Omar committee made a noncampaign disbursement of \$2,250 to the Kjellberg Law Office.
3. The Omar committee's 2016 year-end report stated only that the payment was for legal fees and did not explain what those fees were for or how they related to the committee.
4. The 2016 payment of \$2,250 from the Omar committee to the Kjellberg Law Office was not a payment for Rep. Omar's subsequent marital dissolution.
5. The \$2,250 payment was a reimbursement for two payments made by the Kjellberg Law Office. One payment of \$750 was made to De Leon & Nestor, LLC for obtaining immigration records and one payment of \$1,500 was made to Frederick & Rosen, Ltd. for services related to Mr. Hirsi's and Rep. Omar's filed joint tax returns of 2014 and 2015.
6. On August 31, 2016, the Kjellberg Law Office mailed an invoice to Rep. Omar for reimbursement of the \$1,500 payment to Frederick & Rosen, Ltd.
7. On September 30, 2016, the Kjellberg Law Office mailed an invoice to Rep. Omar for reimbursement of the \$750 payment to De Leon & Nestor, LLC.
8. The Omar committee's 2016 pre-general report, which covered the period of January 1, 2016, through October 24, 2016, does not include the incurred debt of \$1,500 owed to Frederick & Rosen, Ltd., or the \$750 owed to De Leon & Nestor, LLC.
9. The \$750 paid to De Leon & Nestor, LLC, was for legal services that benefitted the committee.

⁹ On two separate occasions counsel for the Omar committee confirmed that this expense was related to the African Network of Southwest Florida's Annual Gala.

¹⁰ http://clerk.house.gov/public_disc/financial-pdfs/2018/10024006.pdf