

**2011 Report of the New Haven Democracy Fund Board  
to Mayor DeStefano and the New Haven Board of Aldermen**

Pursuant to Section 2-823(a) of the Democracy Fund Ordinance and Section 2 of the Democracy Fund Board Bylaws, the New Haven Democracy Fund Board is required to issue an annual report to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen that contains a statement of the financial condition and expenditures of the Fund, a summary of the Board's activities for the preceding year, and a request for appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year.

1. Statement of Financial Condition and Expenditures

The Democracy Fund began calendar year 2011 with \$352,006.30 in cash.

Expenditures from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 (on a cash basis) were as follows:

Matching Funds to Jeffrey Kerekes committee	\$ 8,202
Matching Funds to Anthony Dawson committee	6,420
Grant to Jeffrey Kerekes committee	17,000
Grant to Anthony Dawson committee	17,000
Services rendered by Fund Admin.	1,100
Total Expenditures	49,722

At the end of calendar year 2011, the Democracy Fund contained \$302,284.30

2. Board Vacancies

The Board had difficulty achieving quorums in meetings in 2011. The seven-member board has two vacancies as of the end of 2011, and another seat will open in August 2012.

Therefore, the Board has a serious need for three new appointments.

3. Summary of Board Activities

The Democracy Fund Board's primary activities in 2011 were (i) completion of the administration of the Democracy Fund program for the 2009 mayoral election; (ii) successfully working with the State Elections Enforcement Commission to allow New Haven mayoral candidates, participating and non-participating alike, to file their campaign

reports online as part of the state's Electronic Campaign Reporting Information System (eCRIS), including designing of database and training program; (iii) chair Caleb Kleppner's participation in the Board of Aldermen's Working Group to discuss the addition of Aldermen candidates to the Democracy Fund; (iv) ongoing discussions and a finding of violation regarding the 2009 DeStefano for Mayor candidate committee's late filing of its termination report and late reporting of numerous expenditures and contributions; (iv) the training, participation, and oversight of three 2011 Democratic primary candidate committees in the Democracy Fund, and the distribution of public funds to two of them; and (v) creation of a committee to draft description of performance review process for the Administrator.

#### 4. Request for Appropriations

The Democracy Fund Board has urged the Board of Aldermen to appropriate money for the Democracy Fund with the goal that the Fund will become self-sustaining. The Board has not requested appropriations for the past two fiscal years. Since the inception of the Democracy Fund, the Board has spent 25% of its funds, and therefore is requesting a \$50,000 appropriation to partially restore the Democracy Fund to its original level.