

Mr. Esrati,

I am in receipt of your email.

ODP is not a public entity that falls under state law for release of records, and all emails by staff and officers are private communications and will not be sent to you.

You were given the "right to appearance" when you sent in your questionnaire to me before the May primary and when you screened with the Montgomery County Democratic Party before the May primary. ODP relies on county parties to screen their local candidates, and report to us their results. The county party made no endorsement in the race. Only in extraordinary circumstances would the ODP override a county party's endorsement, and the information shared in your questionnaire does not move us to do so. We have also received multiple credible accounts of past conduct on your part that would make us hesitant to do so, such as harassing Democratic candidates, elected officials, and leaders; supporting Republicans; and using inflammatory and offensive language.

The list of donors to the ODP are all found by going to the SoS website and reviewing the finance reports that are filed during each reporting period. Phone numbers and emails are not public records, are not required to be filed, and are not required to be given out, thus you will not receive them. Additionally, the ODP doesn't have "dues paying members" as you requested. We have donors that can be found by doing what I describe above.

We have been working on updating our list of elected officials across the state throughout the past 8 months. I think someone from ODP can send you what we've compiled to date, but again, that list will NOT have emails and phone numbers, just names, titles and addresses. It will also not be done "in 24 hours" as you request, but when the appropriate staff member can get to it in the next week or so.

Finally, the ODP is NOT required to put you on our website or include your name on sample ballots if it doesn't choose to do so. There have been dozens of examples over the years that candidates, even though they are the only Democrat running for an office, have been left off official ODP publications. The decision is entirely at the discretion of the ODP Chair and not subject to any statute or law.

Sincerely,

Bill DeMora, Secretary