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In the matter of the Complaint
Against
Empire Results
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WHEREAS, on or about March 21, 2022, the New York State Board of Elections Division of Election Law Enforcement (DELE) received a complaint alleging that an organization called Empire Results had engaged in unregistered independent expenditure activity by creating and disseminating paid internet digital advertisements and cable television advertisements referencing a candidate running for public office. The complainant provided links to two newspaper articles about the group dated March 07, 2022, and March 18, 2022, to support the allegations; and


WHEREAS, the timing of the complaint and resulting DELE investigation coincided with Empire Results ceasing activities and erasing its internet presence consisting of a website and Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts. DELE found archived pages of the Empire Results website on the Wayback Machine website showing the last capture dated April 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, DELE could not find any entity under any variation of a name containing the terms “*Empire*” and “*Results*” on the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website registry of Tax-Exempt Organizations, the NYS Attorney General’s Office Charities Bureau website registry for NYS Charities, Nonprofits, and Fundraisers Organizations, or the NYS Department of State website registry for business entities; and

WHEREAS, while the newspaper articles identified individuals in Washington, D.C., as being responsible for Empire Results, due to the jurisdictional limitations of the New York State Election Law and lack of evidence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, this matter is closed with no further enforcement action.

NEW YORK STATE
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