



# CITIZENS SUMMARY

## Findings in the audit of the Office of Attorney General - Review of Whether State Resources Were Used for Political Purposes

Questionable Use of State Resources	The Attorney General's Office (AGO) staff, under former Attorney General Josh Hawley's administration, coordinated with campaign-paid consultants, and used campaign resources to meet with consultants for purposes not always documented. Former Attorney General Hawley also used a state vehicle and driver/security detail for some trips for which the purpose was not documented on travel itineraries and state vehicle mileage logs. Records reviewed determined (1) at least a portion of some of these trips had political purposes and (2) other trips had the appearance of being personal in nature.
Communication and Retention Policies	Various employees did not comply with AGO policy by using personal email accounts and calendars, and personal phones (text) to conduct official business, communicate, and schedule meetings.
Additional Comments	This report covers only a portion of the AGO audit. Another audit report of the general operations of the office is still in progress, and any additional findings and recommendations will be included in the subsequent report.

Because this report covers only a portion of the audit, no rating is provided.



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**Recommendations in the audit of Office of Attorney General - Review of Whether State Resources Were Used for Political Purposes**

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**Questionable Use of State Resources**

**The Attorney General:**

- 1.1 To eliminate the appearance of using state resources for political purposes, the AGO should refrain from using campaign-paid staff to advise state employees. At a minimum, when campaign resources are used in this capacity the officeholder should ensure the purpose of such activity is adequately documented and not made for political purposes. The AGO should also ensure official channels and methods are used to communicate and conduct official business, including emails, texts, and calendar meeting invites.
- 1.2 Ensure travel expenditures are necessary and reasonable for the operation of the office. Ensure documentation of the specific business-purpose of all trips in state vehicles is maintained, and state resources are not used for personal purposes. Determine the amount of state resources used for political and, if applicable, personal purposes by former Attorney General Hawley, and seek reimbursement for such costs.

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**Communication and Retention Policies**

The AGO ensure personnel policies are followed regarding use of personal email accounts and personal devices, and business communications are retained in accordance with the record retention schedules approved by the State Records Commission.