

Brandon Lofton

Background Report

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Summary of Findings

Brandon Marcus Lofton is a 43-year-old attorney who resides in Charlotte, NC with his wife, Kellie, and two, school-aged sons, Caleb and Brandon. Lofton and his wife met at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill as students before he attended the University of New York School of Law. In addition to his work as an attorney and Kellie as an auditor with Wells Fargo Bank, the two also served as landlords for the first home they purchased in Mecklenburg County before it was sold in March 2018.

Lofton is also active in his community, listing the local housing board among his activities in his biography, and Kellie is engaged with the local Junior League among other non-profit work.

According to his financial disclosure, the Loftons also hold extensive debts, listing student loans, commercial debt, car loans, and credit cards that were later consolidated into commercial bank loans.

Despite their extensive debts, the Loftons recently purchased a new home in Mecklenburg County. The home allowed them to move into the 104th District, where Lofton registered to vote prior to closing on the house. Currently, their home, with basement, is about 5,000 square feet, a significant upgrade from the 2,000+ square foot home they purchased in 2004 that served as their rental property. Property tax records show timely payments in recent years, although records indicate they made late payments in the early 2010s, although it is unclear when these taxes were paid, as they paid with a discount, rather than penalty or interest. Their personal property taxes show that Kellie made two late payments on a 2008 Lexus in 2007 and 2008.

Incidentally, Lofton attempted to evict the last two tenants who resided in his properties, the first for non-payment and the second for overstaying their lease. Neither case progressed past initial filings.

In addition to the eviction cases, Lofton was also cited for speeding on two occasions. The first incident also involved a charge that he did not have a valid driver's license in North Carolina. That charge was dismissed by the time he went to court. They reduced the charge to improper equipment. On another occasion, they reduced his speed by 11 mph (from 20 mph over the limit), thus lowering the penalty. He was also cited for expired registration.

In March 2018, Robert Diamond, a prior candidate for State Senate in North Carolina, filed suit against Lofton for registering to vote before closing on his home in the 104th district, a violation he called a felony. After an initial review in Mecklenburg County, the matter was recommended for further review. On April 3, 2018, the matter was dismissed by a vote along party lines, and Lofton was permitted to remain on the November ballot, as he ran unopposed in the primary election. He defeated freshman member, Andy Dulin by about 1,500 votes.

Lofton, to date, raised more than a million dollars in contributions and closed the April 2022 reporting period with about \$112,000 cash on hand.

Background and Biography

Identifying Information

Name: Brandon Marcus Lofton

DOB: November 5, 1978

Address: 101 N. Tryon St.
Charlotte, NC 28246

Family: Kellie Dione Hash Lofton (11/1/1978). Sons: Caleb (9) and Brandon II (11)

Biography

The following biography was taken from [*Lofton's campaign website*](#):

Brandon is a dedicated and thoughtful leader. He was raised by a public school teacher and a Marine. They instilled in him a sense of community service, and that is a value that Brandon and his wife Kellie teach their young sons, Caleb and Brandon II.

Brandon is a respected member of the Finance Committee and an independent thinker who has worked across the aisle to get things done.

Of the 33 bills he sponsored or cosponsored in his first legislative session, 72% had bipartisan support. HB 732, a bill that helps small nonprofits (including PTAs), passed the House with a unanimous vote.

Brandon takes initiative on issues critical to our state's future. On the first day of the legislative session, he cosponsored HB5 to expand Medicaid in our state and make healthcare more affordable for 500,000 North Carolinians.

After the 9/11 surprise vote to override Gov. Roy Cooper's budget veto, Brandon filed HR 1021 to prevent future deceptive tactics to deprive voters of true representation. Brandon believes public servants should lead with integrity and work to find common ground to pass legislation rather than treat lawmaking like it's a game.

Prior to serving Charlotte in the state house, Brandon served on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Advisory Board, chaired the board for the Council for

Children's Rights, chaired the city of Charlotte's Disparity Study Advisory Committee and helped revise the city's small business program.

Brandon's leadership and service has been recognized with the North Carolina Bar Association Citizen Lawyer Award, the Charlotte Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award, the Charlotte Chamber's Young Professionals Business Leader for small to midsized companies and Uptown Charlotte Magazine Community Catalyst Award.

He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he graduated with highest honors and met his wife. He earned his law degree from New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar and a Dean's Scholar.

Brandon is a partner with the law firm Robinson Bradshaw, where he focuses his practice in the area of public finance. He advises and represents cities, counties, hospitals, universities and nonprofits financing capital improvements that benefit the public. He began his legal career practicing with the civil rights law firm Ferguson Stein Chambers.

Voter Registration

Lofton registered to vote in Mecklenburg County on September 9, 2004 as a member of the Democratic Party (ID: 000001301670). Since that time, he participated in 29 elections, although he missed the 2006 and 2014 primary elections.

Election	Method	Party Affiliation
11/2/2004 General	Absentee	
9/27/2005 Primary	Absentee	Democratic
11/8/2005 General	Absentee	
11/7/2006 General	ABS-1Stop	
11/6/2007 General	ABS-1Stop	
5/6/2008 Primary	ABS-1Stop	Democratic
11/4/2008 General	ABS-1Stop	
11/3/2009 General	ABS-1Stop	
5/4/2010 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/2/2010 General	ABS-1Stop	
11/8/2011 General	ABS-1Stop	
5/8/2012 Primary	ABS-1Stop	Democratic
11/6/2012 General	ABS-1Stop	
9/10/2013 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
10/8/2013 Second Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/5/2013 General	ABS-1Stop	
11/4/2014 General	In-Person	
9/15/2015 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
10/6/2015 Second Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/3/2015 General	In-Person	

3/15/2016 Primary	ABS-1Stop	Democratic
11/8/2016 General	ABS-1Stop	
9/12/2017 Primary	ABS-1Stop	Democratic
11/7/2017 General	In-Person	
5/8/2018 Primary	ABS-1Stop	Democratic
11/6/2018 General	ABS-1Stop	
9/10/2019 Primary	ABS-1Stop	Democratic
11/5/2019 General	In-Person	
3/3/2020 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/3/2020 General	One-Stop Early	

Marriage Record

The Loftons were married in Forsyth County, NC on May 31, 2003.

Professional License

Lofton is a licensed attorney with the North Carolina State Bar (ID: 32803). He was admitted to practice law on August 26, 2004 and currently works at the law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw, and Hinson. There is no indication of disciplinary action against him.

Legal and Financial Records

Statement of Economic Interest

Lofton completed statements of economic interest with the North Carolina Ethics Commission covering calendar years 2017 through 2021.

- 2017 to 2021 – Attorney/Shareholder at Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson PA

Family Employers

Lofton disclosed his wife and sons as immediate family members in his household. The latter are not employed.

- Kellie Hash Lofton, Spouse
 - 2017 – 2021 - Audit Manager, Wells Fargo Bank
- BL and CL, sons

Property Interests

In 2017, the Loftons owned 100% interest in two parcels in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. In 2018, this was reduced to just one parcel in Charlotte.

Interest in a Non-Publicly Owned Company

Lofton holds interest in Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson PA. The firm provided legal representation to the State of North Carolina and its departments and branches. Wells Fargo, Kellie's employer, also has dealings and regulation by/with the State of North Carolina.

Liabilities

In 2017, the Loftons listed significant liabilities in excess of \$10,000. By 2018, they were consolidated to four loans with commercial banks.

- Lofton
 - 2017 to 2021 - Commercial Bank
 - 2017 - Credit Cards
 - 2017 - Auto Loans
 - 2017 - Student Loans
 - 2017 - Credit Cards
 - 2019 to 2021 – Additional Commercial Bank
- Kellie
 - 2017 to 2021 - Commercial Bank

- 2017 - Credit Cards
- 2017 - Auto Loans
- 2017 - Student Loans
- 2017 - Credit Cards

- Joint
 - 2018 to 2021 – Commercial Bank
 - 2018 to 2021 – Commercial Bank

Income Sources Greater than \$5,000

In addition to their jobs in law and banking, the Loftons also receive rental income in 2017 and 2018.

Year	Employee	Source	Industry	Description
2017 – 2021	Brandon Lofton	Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson PA	Law Firm	Salary and Bonus/Other Income
2017 – 2021	Kellie Lofton	Wells Fargo	Banking	Salary and Bonus/Other Income
2017 – 2018	Brandon & Kellie Lofton	Tenants	Rental Income	Rent on Home

Lofton is also a shareholder/partner at Robinson Bradshaw Hinson PA.

Professional and Civic Relationships

Lofton and his wife both claim civic involvement.

- Lofton – Council for Children’s Rights
 - 2017 - Director/President of the Board

- Kellie – Arts Empowerment Board
 - 2017 to 2021 - Director

- Kellie – Junior League of Charlotte
 - 2017 to 2021 – Director

- Lofton – Share Charlotte
 - 2018 to 2019 – Director

It is disclosed that the Council for Children’s Right is contracted to provide legal services through the Indigent Defense Fund to children.

Legal Representation Fees

Lofton and his firm received legal representation exceeding \$10,000 in nearly all areas:

- Administrative
- Corporate
- Criminal
- Decedent's Estates
- Environmental
- Insurance
- Labor
- Local Government
- Real Property
- Securities
- Tax
- Tort Litigation (including negligence)
- Utilities Regulation
- Other – Alternative Dispute Resolution, Antitrust and Competition, Appellate, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

Property Records

The Loftons purchased three parcels in Mecklenburg County during the past 14 years. Of these, they only sold the Jasmin May Drive home earlier this year before purchasing a large home in the 104th District.

921 Dacavin Drive, Charlotte, NC 28226

(APN: 187-271-62)

- Purchased from Xushan Lang for \$800,000 on March 15, 2018
- Secured a \$453,000 first loan through Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group
- Secured a \$187,000 second mortgage through First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company
- 4,364 square foot, 4-bed, 4-bath home on 0.29 acres

4308 Jasmin May Drive, Charlotte, NC 28226

(APN: 211-291-59)

- Purchased on February 27, 2013 from Boston Properties LLC for \$171,000
- Secured a \$417,000 construction loan through Union Mortgage Group
- 3,959 square foot, 4-bed, 4-bath home on 0.19 acres valued at \$504,900 in 2017
- Sold to Daniel and Allison Wieland on March 13, 2018 for \$670,000

13414 Ada Court, Charlotte, NC 28213

(APN: 051-212-17)

- Purchased on August 17, 2004 from Shea Homes LLC for \$195,000
- Secured a \$165,950 first and \$39,000 second mortgage through Shea Mortgage LLC
- 2,326 square foot, 3-bed, 3-bath home on 0.18 acres valued at \$154,500 in 2017

Recorded Documents – Mecklenburg County

The following documents were recorded in Mecklenburg County and list Lofton as a party:

- The Loftons purchased a parcel at 13414 Ada Court, Charlotte, NC from Shea Homes LLC on August 17, 2004.
- On the same day, they secured a \$155,950 loan through Shea Mortgage LLC via an adjustable rate loan.
- In addition, they signed a line of credit totaling \$39,000 via Shea Mortgage LLC on August 17, 2004.
- Lofton and his wife borrowed \$159,100 over 20 years from Countrywide Home Loans on October 21, 2005.
- In addition, they borrowed \$40,000 over 15 years via a deed of trust with Countrywide Homes Loans on October 24, 2005.
- On October 31, 2005, Shea Mortgage LLC released the loan signed by the Loftons on August 17, 2004.
- Countrywide Home Loans assigned the \$40,000 loan signed by the Loftons on October 24, 2005 to RBS Citizens NA on November 1, 2005.
- Lofton and his wife purchased a parcel at 4308 Jasmin Way Drive, Charlotte from Boston Properties on LLC on February 27, 2013.
- They signed a construction deed of the trust the following day, February 28, 2013, totaling \$417,000 with Union Mortgage Group.
- Union Mortgage Group Inc. assigned the \$417,000 loan signed by the Loftons to Union First Market Bank on the same day, February 28, 2013.
- The Loftons signed a conventional mortgage totaling \$417,000 over 30 years with Union Mortgage Group on November 22, 2013.

- On December 2, 2013, Union Mortgage Group released the \$417,000 loan signed by the Loftons on February 28, 2013.
- The Loftons borrowed \$70,000 from Allegacy Federal Credit Union via a credit line deed of trust on January 2, 2014.
- The Loftons sold the Jasmin May Drive parcel to Daniel and Allison Wieland on March 13, 2018. This deed included a corrected agreement for a limited power of attorney for the Loftons.
- Lofton and his wife purchased a parcel at 921 Dacavin Drive, Charlotte, NC on March 15, 2018 from Xushan Lang and Li Wei of San Antonio, TX.
- On the same day, they borrowed \$453,000 from Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group over 30 years. The adjustable rate loan includes a fixed interest rate of 4.125% until April 2025.
- The Loftons signed a second loan totaling \$187,000 with First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company on March 15, 2018.
- On March 15, 2018, Allegacy Federal Credit Union released the \$70,000 credit line signed by the Loftons on January 2, 2014.
- On March 21, 2018, Union Mortgage Group released the \$417,000 loan signed by the Loftons on November 22, 2013.
- The Loftons sold a parcel at 13414 Ada Court to Marisol Garcia Rodriguez and Mauricio Rodriguez Alfaro on October 1, 2018
- The Loftons secured a \$653,800 conventional loan through Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group on November 16, 2018, and secured on the Dacavin Drive parcel. The loan includes a Planned Unit Development Rider.

Property Taxes – Mecklenburg County

921 Dacavin Drive, Charlotte, NC

Tax Year	Amount Billed	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Penalty/Interest
2018	\$8,392.32	10/23/2018	\$8,392.32	\$0
2019	\$7,504.69	11/22/2019	\$7,504.69	\$0
2020	\$7,520.29	11/6/2020	\$7,520.29	\$0
2021	\$7,546.95	11/18/2021	\$7,546.95	\$0

13414 Ada Court, Charlotte, NC

Despite paying four years of bills very late, we found no evidence that the Loftons paid penalty or interest (and actually received a discount). Because of this, there may have been an error in the county's system or some other explanation for the way this record appears.

Tax Year	Amount Billed	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Penalty/Interest
2005	\$2,436.12	1/18/2006	\$2,436.12	\$0
2006	\$2,475.31	11/15/2006	\$2,475.31	\$0
2007	\$2,512.79	11/14/2007	\$2,512.79	\$0
2008	\$2,512.79	11/13/2008	\$2,512.79	\$0
2009	\$2,512.79	11/21/2009	\$2,512.79	\$0
2010	\$2,512.79	11/11/2010	\$2,512.79	\$0
2011	\$2,209.83	6/22/2014	\$1,961.12	\$0
2012	\$2,170.08	11/30/2014	\$1,961.12	\$0
2013	\$2,264.75	6/22/2014	\$2,046.40	\$0
2014	\$2,046.40	11/24/2014	\$2,046.40	\$0
2015	\$2,041.85	11/20/2015	\$2,041.85	\$0
2016	\$2,053.35	11/29/2016	\$2,053.35	\$0
2017	\$2,062.85	11/21/2017	\$2,062.85	\$0
2018	\$2,100.44	10/11/2018	\$2,100.44	\$0

4308 Jasmin May Drive, Charlotte, NC

All payments on the Jasmin May Drive residence were paid on time and show no record of penalty or interest.

Tax Year	Amount Billed	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Penalty/Interest
2013	\$1,444.95	12/10/2013	\$1,444.95	\$0
2014	\$6,546.94	10/22/2014	\$6,546.94	\$0
2015	\$6,577.43	10/16/2015	\$6,577.43	\$0
2016	\$6,588.93	10/25/2016	\$6,588.93	\$0
2017	\$5,598.43	10/18/2017	\$5,598.43	\$0
2018	\$8,392.32	10/23/2018	\$8,392.32	\$0
2019	\$7,504.69	11/15/2019	\$7,504.32	\$0

Personal Property Taxes

Lofton's personal property taxes through 2012 (as long as local government held the records before turning them over to the state) were paid on time. Kellie's taxes show minor interest payments in 2007 and 2008.

2003 Honda Accord LX5

Tax year	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2006	\$208.08	1/9/2007	\$0
2007	\$176.72	12/28/2007	\$0
2008	\$157.78	1/27/2009	\$0
2009	\$135.99	3/4/2010	\$0
2010	\$132.75	1/12/2011	\$0
2011	\$116.37	2/13/2012	\$0
2012	\$104.49	3/4/2013	\$0

2008 Lexus RX350 4X2

Tax year	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2007	\$502.74	12/24/2007	\$9.85
2008	\$484.88	12/29/2008	\$0
2009	\$426.58	11/20/2009	\$0
2010	\$377.41	1/12/2011	\$0
2011	\$361.45	11/28/2011	\$0
2012	\$321.81	12/3/2012	\$0
2013	\$321.69	11/27/2013	\$0

Legal Records – Traffic Cases

Lofton was cited on three occasions in North Carolina during the past 13 years. The first case, in 2005, included a charge that he was driving on a Georgia license.

- Speeding, 75mph in a 55mph zone, and No Operator's License (case no. 05CR701350)
 - Filed on March 25, 2005 in Robeson County Court
 - Convicted of improper equipment on April 25, 2005 - \$25 fine
 - OL charge (Georgia License) dismissed
- Speeding, 80mph in a 60mph zone (case no. 09CR708946)
 - Filed on April 14, 2009 in Mecklenburg County Court
 - Convicted of speeding, 69mph in a 60mph zone on May 21, 2009 - \$136 in fines/court costs
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (case no. 09CR735121)
 - Filed on December 21, 2009 in Mecklenburg County Court
 - Dismissed on January 28, 2010

Kellie's Traffic History

Kellie Lofton was cited on two occasions for expired registration. The first case resulted in a conviction.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (case no. 05CR064871)
 - Filed in Mecklenburg County Court
 - Found guilty on October 20, 2005 - \$135 in fines and court costs
- Expired Registration Card/Tag and Expired Inspection (case no. 10CR066025)
 - Filed on October 18, 2010 in Mecklenburg County Court
 - Dismissed on November 18, 2010

Legal Records – Civil Cases

In 2016, the Loftons initiated an eviction suit against a tenant in 2016. The case was not pursued beyond an initial court date, which would indicate that either the tenant paid the outstanding rent or he vacated the property.

- Brandon and Kellie Lofton v. Craig Tobias (case no. 16CVM19839)
 - Filed on August 22, 2016 in Mecklenburg County Court
 - Complaint for \$1,575 plus \$78.75 in damages and eviction

In 2018, the Loftons filed a suit against another tenant for eviction at the end of his lease.

- Brandon and Kellie Lofton v. Karston Miller (case no.18CVM7829)
 - Filed in December 2018 in Mecklenburg County Court
 - Complaint for \$1,575 plus eviction
 - Dismissed on April 5, 2018

Political Activities

Campaign Finance

Lofton established a campaign finance committee – Lofton for North Carolina (ID: STA-5UWO1G-C-001) – with the North Carolina State Board of Elections on January 3, 2018.

Time Period	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand
1/2/2018 – 1/12/2018	\$16,493.00	\$1,388.00	\$15,105.00
1/1/2018 – 4/21/2018	\$89,552.51	\$13,832.06	\$75,720.45
4/22/2018 – 6/30/2018	\$54,236.76	\$28,926.32	\$101,030.89
7/1/2018 – 10/20/2018	\$408,396.68	\$463,502.07	\$45,925.50
10/21/2018 – 12/31/2018	\$60,384.89	\$88,213.36	\$17,872.03
1/1/2019 – 6/30/2019	\$924.00	\$4,743.14	\$11,156.89
7/1/2019 – 12/31/2019	\$37,130.20	\$2,607.92	\$45,679.17
1/1/2020 – 2/15/2020	\$21,547.36	\$11,044.47	\$56,182.06
2/16/2020 – 6/30/2020	\$77,220.05	\$15,457.66	\$117,944.45
7/1/2020 – 10/17/2020	\$160,331.51	\$198,382.98	\$79,892.98
10/18/2020 – 12/31/2020	\$8,815.16	\$24,230.21	\$64,477.93
1/1/2021 – 6/30/2021	\$1,767.92	\$2,534.59	\$63,711.26
7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	\$1,834.80	\$12,208.74	\$53,337.32
1/1/2022 – 4/30/2022	\$64,236.94	\$5,312.45	\$112,261.81

On May 24, 2018, the North Carolina State Board of Elections sent the committee a letter indicating that they had not received the first quarter form in hard copy. It was received on May 30, 2018.

Audit

In early 2021, the North Carolina State Board of Elections conducted an audit of Lofton’s 2019 and 2020 campaign finance reports. In it, they found violations in two areas:

- four cases of “joint contributions.” Lofton submitted an amended report correcting the errors.
- 14 of 116 vendor transactions lacked addresses. Lofton made best efforts to track down the missing addresses

It does not appear that he was subjected to any financial ramifications based on the errors.

Special-Interest Contributions

By our count, Lofton received more than \$470,000 from Democratic candidates and committees and more than \$125,000 from attorneys and legal professionals.

Industry	Amount
Abortion and Democratic Issues	\$5,752.03
Artists	\$2,470.00
Athletics	\$1,250.00
Beverage	\$250.00
Communications	\$2,000.00
Construction and Development	\$1,462.00
Democratic Candidates and Committees	\$470,164.93
Education	\$15,055.48
Media and Entertainment	\$708.00
Energy and Utilities	\$1,800.00
Environmental	\$6,575.29
Finance	\$36,318.77
Government Employees	\$2,847.72
Insurance	\$1,009.00
Legal – Attorney	\$125,232.17
Marketing	\$1,150.00
Medical Industry	\$63,272.22
Miscellaneous	\$10,782.50
Non-Profit, Foundations, and Volunteers	\$18,307.70
Not Employed	\$93,897.48
Real Estate	\$6,675.00
Religious – Clergy	\$2,784.00
Restaurants	\$104.00
Retired	\$60,979.42
Science and Technology	\$12,258.00
Tourism and Hospitality	\$454.00
Transportation	\$1,177.48
Public Employee and Trade Unions	\$3,650.00
Writing and Publishing	\$675.00

Because of the number of contributions to Lofton (more than 1,400), we included them in a separate excel file.

Election Results

2018 Results

After running unopposed in the Democratic primary for House District 104, Lofton defeated freshman representative, Andy Dulin in November 2018 by just 1,494 votes.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Brandon Lofton (D)	21,716	51.78%
Andy Dulin (R)	20,220	48.22%

Lofton was again unopposed in the Democratic primary for House District 104.

2020 Results

In 2020, Lofton was again unopposed in the Democratic Primary. In November, 2020, he defeated his Republican opponent by more than seven points.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Brandon Lofton (D)	25,513	53.86%
Don Pomeroy (R)	21,854	26.14%

Legal Records – Challenge to Lofton’s Address

On March 2, 2018, Robert Diamond filed suit against Lofton challenging his residency for House District 104.

A challenge has been filed against Brandon Lofton, a candidate for North Carolina House of Representatives, alleging he registered to vote using an address where he had not yet established a residence.

The challenge was filed on March 2 by Robert Diamond, a Mecklenburg County Republican who challenged Senator Jeff Jackson (D-Mecklenburg) in 2016 and is active with the Voter Integrity Project.

Lofton, a Democrat, has filed to run against Republican State Representative Andy Dulin (Mecklenburg) in House District 104.

Diamond’s complaint accuses Lofton of registering to vote using an address of a house that he was under contract to purchase but had not yet moved into.

Documents provided by the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections shows Lofton changed his voter registration on Feb. 19.

“A review of the attached evidence makes clear that Brandon Lofton changed his voter registration to an address where he did not reside,” Diamond’s complaint said.

As part of his complaint, Diamond attached photographs and other information showing Lofton still lived at a home outside of District 104 but that he had recently purchased a home inside the district.

While a recent court ruling waived the requirements for candidates to reside in their district for a year before being eligible to run in the 2018 election, Diamond's complaint contends Lofton should still be unable to run in District 104 because he registered to vote in that district using an address where he did not yet live.

"In sum, Mr. Lofton appears to have violated voter registration requirements by registering to vote at (his new address) without residing at this address," the complaint said.

Lofton dismissed the complaint in a statement to WBTV.

"This is a baseless claim and I have no doubt it will be dismissed quickly," Lofton said. "I look forward to discussing with voters my vision for House District 104 and continuing our positive campaign focused on supporting our schools and the future of our state."

In his complaint, Diamond alleged Lofton had committed a felony by using false information to update his voter registration form.

The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections will meet on March 20 to decide whether to refer this complaint to a Superior Court Judge for further consideration.

(Source: [WBTV, March 9, 2018](#))

On March 20, 2018, the board voted to review the matter in depth and called for a full hearing on his residency before voting along party lines on April 3 to dismiss the claim against his residency.

- Robert N. Diamond v. Brandon Lofton (case no. 18CVS7374)
 - Filed on March 2, 2018 with Mecklenburg Superior Court
 - Dismissed on April 3, 2018

The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections voted along party lines to dismiss a complaint challenging the voter registration of a Democrat running for the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Board members met for roughly six hours on Tuesday to conduct a formal hearing into the challenge against Brandon Lofton, who is running to unseat incumbent Representative Andy Dulin in House District 104.

The complaint, which was filed on March 2 by former Republican legislative candidate Bob Diamond, accuses Lofton of breaking the law when he changed his voter registration to a home his family had recently entered into a contract to purchase but had not yet closed on.

The move from one house to his new house allowed Lofton to run in District 104.

(Source: [WISTV, April 3, 2018](#))

Contributions to Others

According to the Federal Elections Commission website, Lofton gave \$507 to federal candidates and committees.

Recipient	Date	Amount
North Carolina Democratic Party via ActBlue	4/14/2018	\$75.00
Obama for America	8/31/2008	\$27.00
Obama for America	7/24/2008	\$250.00
Alma Adams for Congress via ActBlue	10/19/2021	\$150.00
DSCC via ActBlue	6/13/2021	\$5.00

State Contributions

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Lofton made contributions totaling nearly \$6,800 during the past eleven years. This includes more than \$4,100 to his own committee in direct or in-kind contributions. Since 2020, he has not given to any candidates or committees in North Carolina, personally.

Recipient	Date	Amount
Black Pol Caucus Of Charlotte Mecklenburg	4/5/2009	\$25.00
Ty Hands For Judge	10/23/2010	\$200.00
Comm To Elect Carla Archie	9/10/2014	\$100.00
Friends For Vi Lyles	5/22/2017	\$100.00
Lofton For North Carolina	1/2/2018	\$314.00
Lofton For North Carolina	1/2/2018	\$314.00
Lofton For North Carolina	1/3/2018	\$24.00
Lofton For North Carolina	1/3/2018	\$24.00
Lofton For North Carolina	1/3/2018	\$100.00
Lofton For North Carolina	1/3/2018	\$100.00
Lofton For North Carolina	1/3/2018	\$1,000.00
Lofton For North Carolina	1/3/2018	\$1,000.00
Lofton For North Carolina	2/28/2018	\$100.00
Mecklenburg Dw	5/9/2018	\$30.00
Lofton For North Carolina	5/19/2018	\$146.09
Mecklenburg Dw	7/26/2018	\$150.00
Nc League Of Conservation Voters Conservation Pac	8/15/2018	\$50.00
Hunt For House	9/22/2018	\$250.00
Black Pol Caucus Of Charlotte Mecklenburg	3/17/2019	\$60.00
Mecklenburg Dw	7/18/2019	\$300.00
The Committee To Elect Dimple Ajmera	8/12/2019	\$200.00
Lofton For North Carolina	12/31/2019	\$1,000.00

Black Pol Caucus Of Charlotte Mecklenburg	1/13/2020	\$250.00
Black Pol Caucus Of Charlotte Mecklenburg	1/19/2020	\$60.00
Cowell For Treasurer	2/25/2015	\$150.00
Earls For Justice	10/5/2018	\$250.00
Chief Justice Beasley Committee	6/3/2020	\$500.00

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