Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Notification of Material Error or Omission In a Receipts and Expenditure Report

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report due <u>October 31, 2022</u> (Covering the period from July 22, 2022 through October 27, 2022)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures report identified above indicates the material errors or omissions <u>listed on the other side of this page</u>. Such errors and omissions must be corrected within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice by filing an amended report.

File the amended report within thirty (30) days with:

Secretary of State 120 SW 10th Avenue Memorial Hall Topeka, Kansas 66612

As provided by law, a copy of this notice has been made a part of your record in the Secretary of State's Office. The intentional failure to file an amended report within thirty (30) days is a class A misdemeanor. In addition, you may not accept contributions on or make expenditures following the end of the thirty (30) day period if the amended report has not been filed.

Additional information and assistance may be obtained by contacting this office. If after having contacted this office substantial issues remain unresolved, you may within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice request a hearing before the Commission.

Sincerely,

Mark Skoglund
Executive Director

Errors/Omissions:

- 1. The ending balance for the July 25, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Report is listed as \$1,761.63 while the October 31, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Report is listed as \$2,151.76. This \$390.13 discrepancy must be explained in an amended report.
- 2. The Campaign Finance Act prohibits the acceptance of anonymous contributions in excess of \$10. Any contribution for which the committee does not know the donor and maintains records accordingly is an anonymous contribution. For example, if an organization receives funds from "passing a hat" around a room where people give cash and did not put that cash in envelopes with their name, the organization has no idea who gave contributions nor how much they gave, and therefore all of those contributions are considered "anonymous." The committee is required to maintain records of the name and address of all contributors who gave in excess of \$10. These contributions can be listed as "unitemized" if the total given by the donor in the reporting period does not exceed \$50, but the committee must maintain records to ensure they are not holding illegal anonymous contributions. If donor information is unknown and there is a possibility that donations were in excess of \$10, the committee is legally unable to retain the contributions. Please file an amended report that provides known contributor information for all meeting and sign contributors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.