Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Paul Morrison Treasurer for Zach Thomas 130 N Cherry Street, Ste 103 Olathe, KS 66061 August 12, 2021

Notification of Material Error or Omission In A Receipts and Expenditures Report

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2021 (Covering the Period October 23, 2020 thru December 31, 2020)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error(s) or omission(s) <u>listed on the other side of this page</u>. Such error(s) and omission(s) 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 Memorial Hall Topeka, KS 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 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 writing or calling 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,

Karina Renna

State Campaign Finance Coordinator

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1. K.S.A. 25-4153 (a)(1) states, "The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and such candidate's committee... shall not exceed the following: for the office of district attorney, . . . \$500 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Thomas campaign reported receiving a \$100 contribution on 10-1-20 from Megan Harrington and a \$500 contribution on 11-2-20. These contributions were received during the general election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted a contribution in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$100. We would suggest that this contribution be refunded immediately. The return of this contribution should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the January 10, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

2. K.S.A. 25-4148 (b) (7) requires that when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payment to each. An expenditure in the amount of \$15,483.67 was made to Kessler Solutions LLC on 11-9-20. If outside vendors were not paid by Kessler Solutions LLC, the amount and description for each of the types of services that were provided must be itemized. An amended Schedule C for the January 10, 2021 Receipts and Expenditures Report must be filed disclosing this information.

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