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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 28, 2014 (Covering the Period January 1, 2014 thru July 24, 2014)

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

Executive Director

Schedule C (Expenditures & Other Disbursements) of the July 28, 2014 Receipts & Expenditures Report shows a \$173.59 payment to Atwoods on 7-11-14 for "Cowboy Boots For Fair Parades".

K.S.A. 25-4157a states that campaign funds may not be used for "the personal use of the candidate". The Commission has consistently held that clothing by its very nature is personal. Using campaign funds to purchase clothing is not a legitimate use of campaign funds. In Opinion No. 96-16, the Commission stated that the purchase or renting of formal wear for governmental and political functions is not a permissible use of campaign funds. Further explanation as to how this expenditure has a direct connection with or effect upon the campaign of the candidate or the holding of public office must be provided in a letter to the Commission.

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