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 Expenditures Report

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 25, 2016 (Covering the Period January 1, 2016 thru July 21, 2016)

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,

Executive Director

1. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 25, 2016 report lists a \$500 contribution being received on 1-21-16 from Democracy.com. K.S.A. 25-4153a states that no registered lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual, shall make a contribution and no legislator or candidate for the legislature shall accept a contribution from a lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual after January 1 and prior to sine die adjournment (June 1, 2016) of the regular session of the legislature or any other time the legislature is in session. A \$500 contribution was also received from the Kansas National Education Association PAC on 6-23-16 which was during the time period of the special session on June 23 and June 24, 2016.

These contributions should not have been accepted and should be returned. The return of these contributions must be shown on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 31, 2016 report.

- 2. The beginning balance of \$7,752.90 listed on the **amended** July 25, 2016 report is not the same as the ending balance of \$9,051.50 listed on the **amended** January 10, 2016 report. An amended cover summary page must be filed with the correct beginning balance.
- 3. The July 25, 2016 report did not disclose a payment to the Secretary of State for the candidate's filing fee. If the filing fee was paid by the candidate from personal funds, it should be recorded on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions) as an "in-kind" contribution from the candidate to the campaign. If the filing fee was paid from campaign funds, this expenditure should be listed on Schedule C (Expenditures & Other Disbursements). The July 25, 2016 report must be amended by showing the payment of the filing fee either on Schedule B or Schedule C and on the cover summary page.
- 4. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) indicates your campaign accepted the following cash contribution over \$100:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-25-16	Judy Welter	\$250

K.S.A. 25-4153(i) states, "No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds \$100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds \$100 from any one person for any one primary or general election."

The cash contribution listed above should not have been accepted by the campaign. In the future, you must be certain that all contributions in excess of \$100 are made by check, cashier's check or money order.

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