Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Jon Corbin Treasurer for Stephanie Clayton 9328 Somerset Drive Overland Park, KS 66207 August 31, 2016

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

Catol E. Williams Executive Director

- 1. Schedule D (Other Transactions) of the July 25, 2016 report shows \$633.02 in loans payable to Stephanie Clayton on 4-21-16. All loans should be listed on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) if the contributions were deposited into the campaign bank account. If the \$633.02 was for expenditures paid from personal funds, they should be itemized on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions) as "in-kind" contributions from the candidate to the campaign. An amended report must be filed which includes this loan on Schedule A or Schedule B.
- 2. 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 member of the house of representatives, . . . \$500 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Clayton campaign reported receiving a \$500 contribution on 7-10-15 from Tom Polsley, and an additional \$500 on 3-23-16, for a total of \$1000. Both of these contributions were received during the primary election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted a contribution in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$500. 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 October 31, 2016 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

3. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 25, 2016 report lists 7 contributions that were received via credit card from a Web-based processing vendor. It appears that the full amount of the contribution was not reported. The actual amount of the contribution must be reported on Schedule A as a contribution. The service fee for the payment processing company must be reported on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) as an expenditure. An amended report must be filed correcting these errors.

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