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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 January 10, 2016 (Covering the Period January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015)

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

Carole E. Williams Executive Director

- 1. Schedule D (Other Transactions) of the January 10, 2015 Receipts and Expenditures Report lists loans payable totaling \$7839.49 to Sydney Carlin. These loans are not carried forward as loans payable to the January 10, 2016 Receipts and Expenditures Report, nor are they disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements). All loans should be listed on Schedule D (Other Transactions) until such time as they are repaid or forgiven. An amended January 10, 2016 report must be filed disclosing the disposition of these debts.
- 2. Schedule D (Other Transactions) of the January 10, 2016 report shows \$539.00 in loans payable to Sydney Carlin for this reporting period. Since the \$539.00 was for expenditures paid from personal funds, they should *also* be recorded on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions)as "in-kind" contributions from the candidate to the campaign. An amended report must be filed which includes these loans on Schedule B.
- 3. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the January 10, 2016 report lists a \$250 contribution from the Kansas Optometric PAC on 2-11-15. However, the Kansas Optometric PAC reports giving a \$250 contribution on 9-15-15. Please check your records to determine the date of receipt of this \$250 contribution. If it was received by the campaign on 2-11-15, the \$250 contribution must be returned since it was received during session. If the contribution was actually received on 9-15-15, an amended Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) must be filed with the correct date.
- 4. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the January 10, 2016 Report lists an expenditure to the Barbara Ballard candidate campaign for \$75 on 5-5-15.

K.S.A. 25-4157a (c) states, "No candidate or candidate committee shall accept from any other candidate or candidate committee for any candidate for local, state, or national office, any moneys received by such candidate or candidate committee as a campaign contribution . . . " If this was a donation to the candidate's campaign committee, it will be necessary for you to contact the Barbara Ballard campaign and they will be required to return your campaign funds or the candidate will need to reimburse the campaign personally. If this expenditure was not a donation, further explanation must be provided to the Commission as to the purpose of this expenditure.

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