Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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April Barker Treasurer for John Barker 103 Wassinger Avenue Abilene, KS 67410

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2017 (Covering the Period October 28, 2016 thru December 31, 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,

Carol El Williams Executive Director

- 1. The beginning balance of \$23,294.39 listed on the January 10, 2017 report is not the same as the ending balance of \$20,511.26 listed on the October 31, 2016 report. It appears the same beginning balance was used for the October 31, 2016 report and the January 10, 2017 report. An amended cover summary page for the January 10, 2017 report must be filed correcting this error.
- 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 Barker campaign reported receiving a \$250 contribution on 8-10-16 from Centene Management Company, and an additional \$500 on 10-26-16, for a total of \$750. Both of 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 \$250. 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, 2018 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

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