Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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Steve Capling Treasurer for Tom Stanion 12061 Connell Overland Park, KS 66213 October 23, 2018

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 30, 2018 (Covering the Period January 1, 2018 thru July 26, 2018)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error(s) or omission(s) <u>listed on the other side</u> of this page. 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,

Mark Skoglund Executive Director

- 1. The July 30, 2018 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 30, 2018 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.
- 2. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 30, 2018 report shows \$9500 in loans from the candidate. All loans should also be listed on Schedule D (Other Transactions) until such time as they are repaid or forgiven. An amended report must be filed which includes Schedule D and the corresponding entry on Line 7 of the cover summary page.
- 3. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) contains a \$200 addition error. The contributions listed total \$12,675.00, not \$12,875.00 as indicated on Schedule A and the cover summary page. An amended Schedule A and cover summary page for the July 30, 2018 report must be filed with the correct totals.
- 4. 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 Stanion campaign reported receiving a \$300 contribution on 3-15-18, another \$200 contribution on 3-15-18, and an additional \$500 contribution on 5-9-18 from Stephen Copling, for a total of \$1000. All 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. This excess contribution must be refunded immediately. Since the campaign account is closed, it will be necessary for the candidate to refund this contribution personally. A copy of the cancelled check for this return must be submitted to the Commission.

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