Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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September 21, 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) listed on the other side 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 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,

Mark Skoglund

Executive Director

- 1. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, the Westar Energy Employees PAC reports making a \$500 contribution to Cindy for Kansas on 6-8-18. This contribution was not reported by your campaign. If this contribution was received, it must be reported on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the July 30, 2018 report. This error will cause the cash balance on the front page summary sheet to be incorrect. Therefore, an amended front page summary sheet must also be filed. If the campaign did not receive this contribution, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.
- 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 Holscher campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

Date	Contributor	Amount
07-21-17 12-26-17 07-24-18	KC Regional Assn of Realtors KC Regional Assn of Realtors KC Regional Assn of Realtors	\$150 \$150 \$500 <b>\$800</b>
06-29-17 05-15-18	Pipe Fitters Volunteer Fund Pipe Fitters Volunteer Fund	\$500 \$500 <b>\$1000</b>

All of these contributions were received during the primary election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted contributions in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$800. We would suggest that these contributions be refunded immediately. The return of these contributions should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 29, 2018 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

3. 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.

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