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 September 15, 2020

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 27, 2020 (Covering the Period January 1, 2020 thru July 23, 2020)

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,

Karina Renna

State Campaign Finance Coordinator

1. 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 \$300 contribution on 11-12-19, and a \$250 contribution on 7-17-20, from PMCA Gas PAC, for a total of \$550. 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 \$50. 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 26, 2020 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

- 2. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) must be amended to include the street or mailing addresses for all individuals and vendors to whom expenditures were made during the July 27, 2020 reporting period.
- 3. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 27, 2020 report lists expenditures totaling \$11,736.20, not 11,486.20 as indicated on the front page summary sheet. An amended report must be filed correcting this \$250 discrepancy.
- 4. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 27, 2020 report lists a donation to Kansans For Life in the amount of \$200. The Kansans For Life PAC reports receiving a \$200 contribution from the John Barker 4 KS campaign on 2-1-20.
 - K.S.A. 25-4157a does not list a contribution made to a political action committee as one of the permissible uses of a candidate's campaign fund. If this expenditure was for a reimbursable campaign expense, that fact must be noted on an amended Schedule C. If this was an actual donation, the Kansans For Life PAC will be required to return your campaign funds or you will need to reimburse the campaign personally. The return of this donation must be shown on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the October 26, 2020 report.

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