



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Stacia Almquist
Treasurer for Stephen Howe
22114 W 52nd
Shawnee, Ks 66226

July 8, 2021

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due October 26, 2020
(Covering the Period July 24, 2020 thru October 22, 2020)

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karina Renna".

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 the office of district attorney, . . . \$500 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Howe campaign reported receiving a \$500 contribution on 8-10-20 from Charles Andres and another \$500 on 10-20-20. 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 \$500. 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, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Report.**

2.Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 26, 2020 report lists expenditures totaling \$108,725.46 to the Kansas Republican Party for campaign services. For reporting purposes, an amended Schedule C must be filed with a more detailed description of the type(s) of service that were provided.

3.K.S.A. 25-4148 (b) (7) requires that when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payment to each. Expenditures in the amount of \$74,500.00, were made to Thompson Communications, Inc. Please submit the required supplemental information as an amendment to Schedule C on the October 26, 2020 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

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