



**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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Clay Center, KS 67432

August 5, 2022

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 25, 2022  
(Covering the Period January 1, 2022 thru July 21, 2022)

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 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,

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

Karina Renna  
State Campaign Finance Coordinator

1. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 25, 2022 report shows a loan totaling \$6,500 loan from Bill/Linda Bloom. 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.
2. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 25, 2022 report shows expenses in the amount of \$930.09 for fuel costs. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 2007-14, the candidate can only be reimbursed for mileage at the state mileage reimbursement rate, not for fuel. The Commission opined "due to the difficulty in determining the allocation of vehicle expenses between a candidate's personal use of a vehicle and the candidate's use of a vehicle for holding political office or for campaign purposes, the Commission now determines that beginning January 1, 2008, the use of campaign funds to pay for otherwise un-reimbursed vehicle expenses will be limited to the state mileage reimbursement rate." When claiming reimbursement for mileage from campaign funds, the treasurer needs to keep detailed records for mileage expenditures showing the dates of travel, the necessity for and specific purpose of the travel, and the actual mileage traveled. It will be necessary for the candidate to reimburse the campaign account for the fuel purchased. This reimbursement will need to be disclosed on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the October 31, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Report. **The candidate can be reimbursed for the miles driven at the state rate of \$.56 per mile from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 and \$.58.5 from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. If done, this expenditure would be disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 25, 2022 report.**
3. K.S.A. 25-4146(b) states, "No contribution or other receipt shall be received or expenditure made, by or on behalf of a candidate, except payment of a filing fee: (1) until such candidate appoints a treasurer and makes the report required to the Secretary of State..." Two contributions were received by the campaign prior to the date the candidate's Appointment of Treasurer or Candidate Committee form was filed on April 11, 2022.

These contributions should not have been accepted. No amendment to the July 25, 2022 report is necessary for this error.

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