

**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**<https://ethics.kansas.gov>Bridget Tillitson
Treasurer for Tatum Lee
302 S Kansas
Ransom, KS 67572

August 23, 2022

Notification of Material Error or Omission
In A Receipts and Expenditures ReportRE: 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 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 member of the house of representatives, . . . \$500 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Lee campaign reported receiving a \$50 contribution on 1-22-21 from Korry Lewis and a \$500 contribution on 6-3-22 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 31, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Report.**

2. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 25, 2022 report shows numerous expenditures with the purpose listed as "Meeting/Travel". It appears that several of the expenditures were 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 for calendar year 2021 and \$.58.5 per mile from July 1, 2022 to the present. If done, this expenditure would be disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 31, 2022 report.

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