Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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Nancy Lusk Treasurer for Lindsay Vaughn 7700 W 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Overland Park, KS 66204 December 23, 2024

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 29, 2024 (Covering the Period January 1, 2024 thru July 25, 2024)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error(s) or omission(s) <u>listed on the other side</u> 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,

Karına Renna

State Campaign Finance Coordinator

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Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 29, 2024 report shows an expenditure for a "Meeting/Travel Departing flight for White House visit" in the amount of \$574.98 on 6-3-24 and another expenditure for "Meeting/Travel Return flight for White House visit" in the amount of \$352.48 on 5-31-24. K.S.A. 25-4157a states that campaign funds may not be used for "the personal use of the candidate". To be a permissible use of campaign funds, an expenditure must be for a legitimate campaign purpose, or an expense of holding political office. In order to be a "legitimate campaign purpose or an expense of holding political office", the expenditure must have a "direct connection with or effect upon the campaign of the candidate or the holding of public office".

As indicated in an e-mail previously sent to Representative Vaughn on September 26, 2024 and again on December 11, 2024, further explanation for these expenditures or the return of campaign funds on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the October 28, 2024 report was requested. As of this date, no response has been received or reimbursement made by the campaign. Therefore, it will be necessary for the candidate to personally reimburse the campaign account \$927.46 for the flights. The reimbursement must be made immediately and reflected on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the January 10, 2025 report.

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