Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2016 (Covering the Period January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015)

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 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,

Carol E. Williams
Executive Director

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 state senator, . . \$1000 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Holmes campaign reported receiving a \$250 contribution on 12-31-13 from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, \$500 on 9-23-14, and an additional \$500 on 12-7-15, for a total of \$1250. All 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 \$250. 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 July 25, 2016 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

2. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, the Kansas Credit Union PAC reports making a \$250 contribution to Mitch Holmes on 12-11-15. This contribution was not reported by your campaign. If this contribution was received, it must be reported on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the July 25, 2016 report. This error will cause the cash balance on the front page summary sheet to be incorrect. Therefore, an amended front page summary sheet must also be filed. If the campaign did not receive this contribution, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.

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