Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws STATE OF KANSAS



901 S. Kansas Avenue Topeka, Kansas 66612 (785) 296-4219 (phone) (785) 296-2548 (fax)

## GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

https://ethics.kansas.gov

March 20, 2024

Marilyn Pearse Treasurer for Beverly Gossage 2250 Lake Pointe Drive, Unit 705 Lawrence, KS 66049

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2024 (Covering the Period January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023)

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,

Karina Renna State Campaign Finance Coordinator karina.renna@ks.gov

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 or member of the state board of education, . . \$1000 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Gossage campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

Date	Contributor	Amount
08-25-21 07-15-22 07-11-23	Kansas Health Care Assn PAC Kansas Health Care Assn PAC Kansas Health Care Assn PAC	\$500 \$250 \$500 <b>\$1250</b>
10-07-22 12-05-23	Elevance Health, Inc Elevance Health, Inc	\$1000 \$500 <b>\$1500</b>

These contributions were received during the primary election period which is January 1, 2021 through August 6, 2024 for senators.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted contributions in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$750. We would suggest that these contributions be refunded immediately. <u>The return of these contributions</u> <u>should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other</u> Disbursements) of the July 29, 2024 report.

2. The January 10, 2024 report did not disclose a payment to the Secretary of State for the candidate's filing fee that was paid on 10-12-23 in the amount of \$145.00. If the filing fee was paid by the candidate from personal funds, it should be recorded on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions) as an "in-kind" contribution from the candidate to the campaign. If the filing fee was paid from campaign funds, this expenditure should be listed on Schedule C (Expenditures & Other Disbursements). The January 10, 2024 report must be amended by showing the payment of the filing fee either on Schedule B or Schedule C and on the cover summary page.

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