Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Richard Ong Treasurer for Martha Baumgardner 9225 Indian Creek Pwky, Ste 100 Overland Park, KS 66210 March 8, 2024

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 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,

Karina Renna

State Campaign Finance Coordinator

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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 Baumgardner campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

Date	Contributor	Amount
12-22-21 12-27-22 12-12-23	Kansas Bail Agents Assn PAC Kansas Bail Agents Assn PAC Kansas Bail Agents Assn PAC	\$400 \$400 \$500 \$1300
12-15-21 07-15-22 11-10-23	Kansas Health Care Assn PAC Kansas Health Care Assn PAC Kansas Health Care Assn PAC	\$500 \$250 \$500 \$1250
12-15-21 10-07-22 11-10-23	Kansas Cable PAC Kansas Cable PAC Kansas Cable PAC	\$500 \$250 \$500 \$1250

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 \$800. We would suggest that these contributions be refunded immediately. The return of these contributions should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 29, 2024 report.

2. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, the Kansas Chamber of Commerce PAC reports making a \$1000 contribution on 12-8-23 to Martha Baumgartner. 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 January 10, 2024 report. If the campaign did not receive this contribution, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.

3. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the January 10, 2024 report lists a \$6,659.92 contribution from the KS Election Commission on 1-13-23 and another contribution on 12-21-23 for \$6,141.20. If these contributions were actually reimbursements for postage for mailings from the State of Kansas, an amended Schedule A must be filed making these changes. If not, further explanation must be provided for these contributions.

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