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July 12, 2012

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2012  
(Covering the Period January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011)

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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol E. Williams".

Carol E. Williams  
Executive Director

1. The beginning balance of \$1774.04 listed on the January 10, 2012 report is not the same as the ending balance of \$1409.26 listed on the January 10, 2011 report. This difference of \$364.78 must be explained in an amended report.

2. 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 Howell campaign reported receiving a \$200 contribution on 8-31-11 from RAI Services Company, and an additional \$350 on 11-14-11, 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 July 30, 2012 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

3. Schedule D (Other Transactions) of the January 10, 2011 Receipts and Expenditures Report lists loans payable totaling \$4500 to James Howell. These loans are not carried forward as loans payable to the January 10, 2012 Receipts and Expenditures Report, nor are they disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements). All loans should be listed on Schedule D (Other Transactions) until such time as they are repaid or forgiven. An amended January 10, 2012 report must be filed disclosing the disposition of these debts.

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