



**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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August 1, 2013

Julie Buth  
Treasurer for Carolyn Bridges  
631 N Bluff  
Wichita, KS 67208

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2013  
(Covering the Period October 26, 2012 thru December 31, 2012)

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,

Carol E. Williams  
Executive Director

1. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, AT & T PAC reports making a \$250 contribution to Carolyn Bridges on 12-4-12. However, the January 10, 2013 report filed by the Bridges campaign indicates the contribution as \$100. Please check your records to determine if the check was for \$250 or \$100. If the check was in fact \$250, an amended Schedule A (Contributions & Other Receipts) must be filed correcting this discrepancy.

2. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the January 10, 2013 report shows an expenditure in the amount of \$141.24 for KS turnpike and Dillons gas. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 2007-14, the candidate can only be reimbursed for mileage at the state mileage reimbursement rate. The candidate can not be reimbursed for fuel. The Commission opined "due to the difficulty in determining the allocation of vehicle expenses between a candidate's personal use of a vehicle and the candidate's use of a vehicle for holding political office or for campaign purposes, the Commission now determines that beginning January 1, 2008, the use of campaign funds to pay for otherwise un-reimbursed vehicle expenses will be limited to the state mileage reimbursement rate." When claiming reimbursement for mileage from campaign funds, the treasurer needs to keep detailed records for mileage expenditures showing the dates of travel, the necessity for and specific purpose of the travel, and the actual mileage traveled. It will be necessary for the candidate to reimburse the campaign account for the fuel purchased. This reimbursement will need to be disclosed on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the January 10, 2014 Receipts and Expenditures Report. The candidate can be reimbursed for the miles driven at the state rate of 55 cents per mile. If done, this expenditure would be disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) on the January 10, 2014 report.

3. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the January 10, 2013 report shows a \$500 loan from the candidate. All loans should also be listed on Schedule D (Other Transactions) until such time as they are repaid or forgiven. An amended report must be filed which includes Schedule D and the corresponding entry on Line 7 of the cover summary page.

4. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) must be amended to include the street or mailing addresses for all individuals and vendors to whom expenditures were made during the January 10, 2013 reporting period.

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