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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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Merry Matthews Candidate & Treasurer 11517 Chartwell Circle Wichita, KS 67205

## 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) <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. Schedule D (Other Transactions) of the October 29, 2012
  Receipts and Expenditures Report lists a loan payable totaling
  \$1000 to Merry Matthews. This loan is not carried forward as a
  loan payable to the January 10, 2013 Receipts and Expenditures
  Report, nor is it 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, 2013 report must be filed disclosing the
  disposition of this debt.
- 2. The January 10, 2013 Receipts & Expenditures Report that you filed on behalf of your campaign indicated it was to be a termination report. However, the Campaign Finance Act provides that you may not terminate until such time as all funds are expended and any debts or obligations are paid or forgiven.

The October 29, 2012 report indicated your cash on hand at the close of period was \$804.66 and an outstanding loan payable is owed to you in the amount of \$1000. If you want to terminate the campaign, the loan payable balance must be forgiven or paid and the disbursement of the \$804.66 must be explained in a letter to the Commission. You may do so at the bottom of this letter and return it to our office. Otherwise, you will be required to file yearly reports for your campaign.

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