Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Stacia Almquist Treasurer for Stephen Howe 22114 W 52nd Shawnee, KS 66226 October 20, 2020

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 27, 2020 (Covering the Period January 1, 2020 thru July 23, 2020)

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

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 district attorney, . . . \$500 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Howe campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

DATE	CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT
10-02-19 03-04-20	Stephen Cloud Stephen Cloud	\$125 \$500 \$625
10-14-19 07-16-20	Vincent Dean Vincent Dean	\$500 \$500 \$1000
10-21-19 06-30-20	Terrence Dunn Terrence Dunn	\$500 \$500 \$1000
06-28-18 01-18-19 02-17-20	James Hutchinson James Hutchinson James Hutchinson	\$500 \$250 \$500 \$1250
06-28-18 01-18-19 06-18-20 02-19-20 07-19-20	Hutchinson Family Partnership (Refund)	\$500 \$500 \$500 \$250 \$250 \$1500
10-24-19 07-22-20	Nicholas Powell Nicholas Powell	\$500 \$500 \$1000
10-21-19 07-17-20	Jon Stewart Jon Stewart	\$500 \$500 \$1000
	Mark Sutherland Mark Sutherland	\$500 \$500 \$1000
01-18-19 02-19-20		\$250 \$250

06-18-20 United Office Products, Inc. \$500 07-19-20 United Office Products, Inc. (Refund) \$250 \$750

All of these contributions were received during the primary election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted contributions in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$4,625.00. 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 October 26, 2020 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

2. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 27, 2020 report indicates two contribution refunds for \$250.00 each. All contributions that are returned are to be disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements), not Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts). An amended report must be filed correcting this error.

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