Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Luis Madrigal Treasurer for Melissa Oropeza PO Box 6014 Kansas City, KS 66106 August 26, 2022

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 25, 2022 (Covering the Period January 1, 2022 thru July 21, 2022)

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. The front page summary sheet indicates a beginning balance of \$25. This is the first report due for the Oropeza campaign, therefore, the beginning balance should be 0. An amended Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) must be filed listing the donor of the \$25 contribution.
- 2. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) lists a \$250 contribution on 6-28-22 from "Kansas Committee". An amended Schedule A must be filed with the complete name for the contributor.
- 3. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 25, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Reports lists numerous E Fund contributions. It appears the full amount of the contribution is not reported on some of the e-fund contributions. An amended Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) must be filed with the full amount of the contributions which includes the fee. The cumulative processing fees must be reported on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements).
- 4. The July 25, 2022 report did not disclose a payment to the Secretary of State for the candidate's filing fee. If the filing fee was paid by the candidate from personal funds, it should be recorded on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions) as an "in-kind" contribution from the candidate to the campaign. If the filing fee was paid from campaign funds, this expenditure should be listed on Schedule C (Expenditures & Other Disbursements). The July 25, 2022 report must be amended by showing the payment of the filing fee either on Schedule B or Schedule C and on the cover summary page.
- 5. K.S.A. 25-4146(b) states, "No contribution or other receipt shall be received or expenditure made, by or on behalf of a candidate, except payment of a filing fee: (1) until such candidate appoints a treasurer and makes the report required to the Secretary of State..." A contribution was received by the campaign prior to the date the candidate's Appointment of Treasurer or Candidate Committee form was filed on June 14, 2022.

This contribution should not have been accepted. No amendment to the July 25, 2022 report is necessary for this error.

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