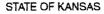
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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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September 13, 2022

Kerry Schmidt Treasurer for Corinne Wray 1012 W 13<sup>th</sup> Street Larned, KS 67550

## 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</u> 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,

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Karina Renna State Campaign Finance Coordinator

- Schedule D (Other Transactions) of the July 25, 2022 report lists a loan payable to Corinne Wray on 7-23-22 in the amount of \$1,634.67. All loans should <u>also</u> be listed on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) or on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions). Any expenditures made by the candidate from personal funds which are not deposited into the campaign bank account are to be reported on Schedule B as in-kind contributions from the candidate. Only contributions deposited into the campaign bank account and expenditures made from that account are to be reported on Schedules A and C. An amended report must be filed itemizing the \$1,634.67 in loans to the candidate either on Schedule A or Schedule B.
- Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 25, 2022 report lists expenditures totaling \$2,229.67, yet the cash available this period is \$570.00. If the candidate paid for expenditures personally, they must be reported on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions) and removed from Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements). An amended July 25, 2022 report must be filed disclosing the source of funds used to make \$1,659.67 in expenditures.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 25, 2022 report lists an expenditure in the amount of \$50.00 for fuel costs. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 2007-14, the candidate can only be reimbursed for mileage at the state mileage reimbursement rate, not 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. If the candidate paid the \$50 for fuel personally, not through the campaign account, it must be removed from Schedule C. In the future, the candidate can be reimbursed for the miles driven at the state rate of \$.58.5 per mile for calendar year 2022, not for fuel.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.