Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Notification of Material Error or Omission In a Receipts and Expenditure Report

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Reports due October 26, 2020 and January 10, 2021.

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures reports identified above indicates the material errors or omissions <u>listed on the other side of this page</u>. Such errors and omissions must be corrected within (30) days of the date of this notice by filing amended reports.

File the amended report within thirty (30) days with:

Secretary of State 120 SW 10th Memorial Hall Topeka, Kansas 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 contacting 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

Mark Skoglund
Executive Director

Errors/Omissions:

1. Schedule C must be amended to provide detail for independent expenditures. The Kansas Campaign Finance Act requires that independent expenditures in excess of \$300 must show the amount, date, purpose, and the name and address of the supported or opposed candidate for each expenditure.

Under the Kansas Campaign Finance Act, an independent expenditure is defined as "an expenditure that is made without the cooperation or consent of the candidate or agent of such candidate intended to be benefited and which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office".

October 26, 2020 report:

Date	То	Purpose	Amount
10/13/20	Battleground Connect	Digital ads	\$9,999.78

January 10, 2021 report:

Date	То	Purpose	Amount
11/2/20	Battleground Connect	Digital ads	\$50,008.13
11/3/20	Battleground Connect	Digital ads	\$9,725.91

If the required information will not fit in the "Purpose of Expenditure" box on Schedule C, or if you prefer, you may submit a supplemental list to serve as the amendment, provided that the list contains all of the required information.

If any of these expenses were not independent expenditures, please provide further detail in a letter to the Commission.

2. <u>January 10, 2021 report:</u>

The front summary page of the report list \$7,500 as the Schedule D total. However, the item listed on Schedule D only amounts to \$6,000. The report must be amended to correct this discrepancy.

These amendments should be submitted to the Secretary of State's office by email, fax, or mail

Secretary of State's office:

• Email: Linda.Limon-Rocha@ks.gov

• Fax: (785) 291-3051

• Mailing address: 120 SW 10th, 1st Floor Memorial Hall, Topeka, Kansas 66612

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact our office at KGEC ethics@ks.gov or 785-296-4219.