

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Committee to Elect John Ward (#16310);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative John Ward (hereinafter referred to as the Candidate) hereby agree as follows:

1. The Committee to Elect John Ward (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative John Ward. During 2012, the Committee accepted \$7,130 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$200, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$6,930. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$230 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state representative candidate was \$6,900. The \$230 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence received May 29, 2013, Louis Anderson, campaign manager, states that a contribution received from a political fund was inadvertently not included with the 2012 report. The Committee filed an amended report disclosing the excess contributions on June 23, 2013.

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on October 17, 2005.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, in calendar year 2012.

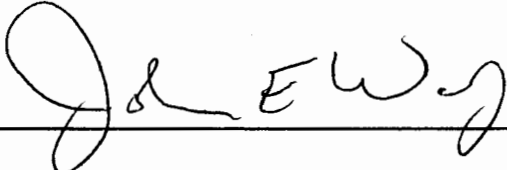
5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$230 to contributors described in paragraph 1 in order to bring the Committee into compliance. A copy of the check(s) used to return the excess contributions must be provided to the Board within 30 days after the date this conciliation agreement is signed by both parties.

6. The Candidate agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$230, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$230 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$230, return of the excess contribution, and this conciliation agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to pay the civil penalty of \$230 or to provide a copy of the check(s) used to return the excess contribution within the time specified in paragraphs 5 and 7 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair. Once signed, the agreement shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 8/9/13  
Representative John Ward

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By   
\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: August 6, 2013

Andrew M. Luger, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board