

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Sandra Pappas for Senate (#12339);

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

1. During 2005, the Sandra Pappas for Senate ("the Committee") accepted \$2,500 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$550, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$1,950. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$310 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$2,190. The amount of \$310 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence dated March 30, 2006, Diane Gerth, treasurer, stated "During the 2005 calendar year, the...Committee...inadvertently accepted excess special source contributions of \$310. This mistake occurred due to an oversight on the part of the campaign."

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 December 20, 1989.

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 2005.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$310 to lobbyists, political committees or political funds that contributed to her campaign in calendar year 2005. Copies of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$310, 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 Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$310 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$310, 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 if the civil penalty of \$310 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$620 which is two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$930 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(c) \$1,240 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 91 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.


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



Senator Sandra Pappas

Dated: 4/26/06

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Bob Milbert, chair

Dated: 4/28/06

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