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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of an Insufficient Contribution and Expenditure)
Report by Friends of Jim Gilbert, Jim Gilbert, Candidate,) Final Order by Default
Victoria A. Wertgen, Treasurer, for the First Pre-Election for)
the May 18, 2004, Primary Election) Case No. I8315
)

August 5, 2005

Friends of Jim Gilbert (004909)
Jim Gilbert, Candidate / Victoria A. Wertgen, Treasurer
28696 S Cramer RD
Molalla, OR 97038

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a sufficient first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election.

On June 3, 2005, the secretary notified Friends of Jim Gilbert (committee), pursuant to ORS 260.232(2), that it had failed to file a sufficient report and that the secretary may impose a civil penalty. An opportunity for a hearing was provided in that notice; however, no request for a hearing was received by the secretary within the time permitted in the notice. Accordingly, after consideration of the records and files of the secretary regarding this matter, the secretary is entering the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The committee's Statement of Organization (SEL 220), applicable during the reporting period, was filed with the secretary on March 16, 2004. The statement reported Victoria A. Wertgen as the treasurer and 28696 S Cramer RD, Molalla, OR 97038 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee filed a first pre-election report with the secretary on April 8, 2004.
3. On April 27, 2004, the secretary sent the committee an exam letter that itemized the areas where the report was not in compliance. The committee was asked to submit the necessary amended information by May 6, 2004, to avoid penalties for failure to file a sufficient report.

4. On the day following the May 6, 2004, amendment deadline, the committee's report was still missing the following required information: the name of a contributor (1 item).
5. On June 17, 2004, an amendment to the committee's report was filed. The amendment provided one item of previously insufficient information.
6. On September 13, 2004, the secretary received an amended SEL 220, updating the address for committee correspondence to 418 Beaver Creek Rd Ste 102, Oregon City, OR 97045.
7. On June 3, 2005, the secretary sent the committee a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty. The notice was sent by both certified and first class mail to the candidate and was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$5.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by the committee on June 4, 2005.
8. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
9. The secretary has record of no previous insufficient filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Jim Gilbert, Candidate, and Victoria A. Wertgen, Treasurer, failed to file a sufficient first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Jim Gilbert's and Treasurer Victoria A. Wertgen's failure to file a sufficient first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election violated ORS 260.058, ORS 260.083 and OAR 165-012-0005. A civil penalty may be imposed for this violation under ORS 260.232(1)(b).

A maximum \$10,000 civil penalty may be imposed for this violation. The *2004 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 104 and 105, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

Since this is the first violation by the candidate, the penalty is \$10.00 per omission, less 50% for every omitted item provided prior to the issuance of the proposed penalty notice.

ORDER

Payment of the proposed civil penalty of \$5.00 was received in the office of the Secretary of State on June 10, 2005. This Order will serve as your receipt and this matter is now considered closed.

RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the day this Order was served to you. Because this Order was mailed to you, the date of service is the day it was *mailed*, not the day you received it. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 60-day time period, you will lose your right to appeal.

Jennifer Hertel, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____

c: Victoria A. Wertgen, Treasurer
418 Beaver Creek Rd Ste 102
Oregon City, OR 97045