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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 Michael Spasaro, Michael P. Spasaro,) Final Order by Default
Candidate, Donna L. Butler, Treasurer, for the First)
Pre-Election for the November 2, 2004, General Election) Case No. I8427
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October 28, 2005

Friends of Michael Spasaro (004761)
Michael P. Spasaro, Candidate / Donna L. Butler, Treasurer
PO Box 876
Lebanon, OR 97355-0876

Dear Mr. Spasaro:

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 November 2, 2004, General Election.

On July 28, 2005, the secretary notified the Friends of Michael Spasaro (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 August 30, 2004. The mailing address provided on the Statement of Organization for the candidate was PO Box 41507, Eugene, OR 97404. The statement reported Donna L. Butler as the treasurer and PO Box 1304, Silverton, OR 97381 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee filed a first pre-election report with the secretary on September 27, 2004.

3. On October 12, 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 October 21, 2004, to avoid penalties for failure to file a sufficient report.
4. On the day following the October 21, 2004, amendment deadline, the committee's report was still missing the following required information: sufficient occupational information for two contributors (2 items).
5. On October 25, 2004, an amendment to the committee's report was filed. The amendment provided two items of previously insufficient information.
6. On July 28, 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 addresses. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$15.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was returned unclaimed and the post-office indicated it gave first notice on July 29, 2005.
7. On September 27, 2005, the secretary received a SEL 220 to discontinue the committee (processing pending a final report) that indicated the mailing address for the candidate as PO Box 876, Lebanon, OR 97355-0876.
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 one previous insufficient filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Michael P. Spasaro, Candidate, and Donna L. Butler, Treasurer, failed to file a sufficient first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 2, 2004, General Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Michael P. Spasaro's and Treasurer Donna L. Butler's failure to file a sufficient first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 2, 2004, General Election violated ORS 260.068, 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 second violation by the candidate, the penalty is \$15.00 per omission, less 50% for every omitted item provided prior to the issuance of the proposed penalty notice.

ORDER

It is ordered that no penalty be assessed because the appropriate penalty is under \$50.

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: October 28, 2005

c: Donna L. Butler, Treasurer
PO Box 1304
Silverton, OR 97381