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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 Close Friends (Betsy), Betsy L. Close, Candidate, Christopher Close, Treasurer, for the Second Pre-Election for the November 2, 2004, General Election) Final Order by Default) Case No. I8582)

January 26, 2006

Close Friends (Betsy) (002725)
Betsy L. Close, Candidate / Christopher Close, Treasurer
5220 NW Winn Dr
Albany, OR 97321

Dear Ms. Close:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 2, 2004, General Election.

On December 2, 2005, the secretary notified Close Friends (Betsy) (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 15, 2004. The statement reported Christopher Close as the treasurer and 5220 NW Winn Dr, Albany, OR 97321 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee filed a second pre-election report with the secretary on October 21, 2004.
3. On November 5, 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 November 18, 2004, to avoid penalties for failure to file a sufficient report.

4. On the day following the November 18, 2004, amendment deadline, the committee's report was still missing the following required information: the complete address for one contributor, occupational information for two contributors, sufficient occupational information for two contributors, and sufficient names of the payees for two agent expenditures (7 items).
5. On January 12, 2005, an amendment to the committee's report was filed. The amendment provided seven items of previously insufficient information.
6. On December 2, 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 \$52.50 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Josiah Close on December 3, 2005.
7. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
8. The secretary has record of one previous insufficient filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Betsy L. Close, Candidate, and Christopher Close, Treasurer, failed to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 2, 2004, General Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Betsy L. Close's and Treasurer Christopher Close's failure to file a sufficient second 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 a penalty of \$52.50 (\$15.00 X 7 items - \$52.50) is assessed. If your payment is not received within 60 days, the Order will be forwarded to our accounting division for collection and may subsequently be sent to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Please refer to case number I8582 when mailing your payment.

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: Christopher Close, Treasurer
5220 NW Winn Dr
Albany, OR 97321