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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 the Citizens to Elect Judge Pro Tem Cheryl Albrecht,) Final Order by Default
Cheryl A. Albrecht, Candidate, Cari Carter, Treasurer, for the)
Second Pre-Election for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election) Case No. I9428

September 19, 2008

Citizens to Elect Judge Pro Tem Cheryl Albrecht (005353)
Cheryl A. Albrecht, Candidate / Cari Carter, Treasurer
1117 SE Division
Portland, OR 97202

Dear Judge Albrecht:

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 May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

On June 4, 2008, the secretary notified the Citizens to Elect Judge Pro Tem Cheryl Albrecht (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, 2006. The statement reported Cari Carter as the treasurer and 1117 SE Division, Portland, OR 97202 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee filed a second pre-election report with the secretary on May 8, 2006.
3. On May 19, 2006, 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 June 1, 2006, to avoid penalties for failure to file a sufficient report.

4. On the day following the June 1, 2006, amendment deadline, the committee's report was still missing the following required information: the date for one contribution and sufficient occupational information for one contributor (2 items).
5. On June 5, 2006, an amendment to the committee's report was filed. The amendment provided one item of previously insufficient information.
6. On June 4, 2008, 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 \$15.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Cari Carter on June 5, 2008.
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 no previous insufficient filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2005.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Cheryl A. Albrecht, Candidate, and Cari Carter, Treasurer, failed to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Cheryl A. Albrecht's and Treasurer Cari Carter's failure to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, 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 *2006 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 108 and 109, 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 submitted after the amendment deadline but prior to the deadline for a candidate or treasurer to request a hearing.

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.

Nancy Ferry, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____

c: Cari Carter, Treasurer
1117 SE Division
Portland, OR 97202