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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 Committee to Elect Betsy Johnson, Elizabeth) Final Order by Default
(Betsy) Johnson, Candidate, Harold (Joe) Nelson, Treasurer,)
for the Post Election for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election) Case No. I9441
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September 19, 2008

Committee to Elect Betsy Johnson (003591)
Elizabeth (Betsy) Johnson, Candidate / Harold (Joe) Nelson, Treasurer
PO Box R
Scappoose, OR 97056

Dear Senator Johnson:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a sufficient post election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

On June 20, 2008, the secretary notified the Committee to Elect Betsy Johnson (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 April 12, 2006. The statement reported Harold (Joe) Nelson as the treasurer and PO Box R, Scappoose, OR 97056 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee filed a post election report with the secretary on June 14, 2006.
3. On June 30, 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 July 13, 2006, to avoid penalties for failure to file a sufficient report.

4. On the day following the July 13, 2006, amendment deadline, the committee's report was still missing the following required information: a sufficient purpose for one expenditure (1 item) and form PC9, Report of Expenditures Made by an Agent, detailing expenditures of \$6,509.39 made by the agent on behalf of the committee
5. On July 14, 2006, an amendment to the committee's report was filed. The amendment provided one item of previously insufficient information and a form PC9, Report of Expenditures Made by an Agent.
6. On June 20, 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 \$37.55 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Kevin D. Feakin on June 23, 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

Elizabeth (Betsy) Johnson, Candidate, and Harold (Joe) Nelson, Treasurer, failed to file a sufficient post election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Elizabeth (Betsy) Johnson's and Treasurer Harold (Joe) Nelson's failure to file a sufficient post 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 plus 1% of agent expenditures, 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.

Candy Broucek, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____

c: Harold (Joe) Nelson, Treasurer
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