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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of a Late Contribution and Expenditure Report)
by Perkins COIE Oregon Political Action Committee, Allan) Final Order by Default
R. Abravanel, Treasurer, for the Second Pre-Election for the)
May 18, 2004, Primary Election) Case No. L7693
)

August 4, 2004

Perkins COIE Oregon Political Action Committee (000220)
Allan R. Abravanel, Treasurer
1120 NW Couch St, 10th Floor
Portland, OR 97209-4128

Dear Mr. Abravanel:

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

On June 10, 2004, the secretary notified Perkins COIE Oregon Political Action Committee (committee), pursuant to ORS 260.232(2), that it had failed to file the 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 221), applicable during the reporting period, was filed with the secretary on September 30, 2003 . The statement reported Allan R. Abravanel as the treasurer and 1120 NW Couch St, 10th Floor, Portland, OR 97209-4128 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a second pre-election report with the secretary on May 6, 2004.
3. The secretary sent the committee a notice that it had failed to file a timely report on May 7, 2004. The notice was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address.

4. The secretary received the report on May 10, 2004, which is two business days after the date on which the report was due.
5. The committee reported no contributions or expenditures during the accounting period for the report.
6. On June 10, 2004, the secretary sent the committee a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty. The notice was sent by both certified and first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice proposed no civil penalty and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Steven Maleski on June 12, 2004.
7. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing, however the Secretary did receive a letter from the treasurer on June 14, 2004. The treasurer points out that the Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty erroneously stated that the report was filed four business days late when it was filed only two business days after the deadline. This error does not change the outcome of the case.
8. The secretary has record of no previous late filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Allan R. Abravanel, Treasurer, failed to file a timely second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Treasurer Allan R. Abravanel's failure to file a timely second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election violated ORS 260.063.

By statute, 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 101 and 102, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

Under the penalty matrix, the maximum statutory penalty of \$10,000 is reduced to 1% of the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—for each business day the report was late as this is the first late violation by the treasurer.

Because the committee reported no activity during the accounting period for the late report, no civil penalty will be assessed.

ORDER

It is ordered that no penalty be assessed.

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: _____