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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of a Late Contribution and Expenditure Report)
by Friends of Suzanne Gallagher, Suzanne Gallagher,) Final Order by Default
Candidate/Treasurer, for the Post-Election for the)
May 18, 2004, Primary Election) Case No. L7813

January 13, 2005

Friends of Suzanne Gallagher (004872)
Suzanne Gallagher, Candidate/Treasurer
15532 SW Pacific Highway C-1B PMB 508
Tigard, OR 97224

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

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

On November 22, 2004, the secretary notified Friends of Suzanne Gallagher (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 220), applicable during the reporting period, was filed with the secretary on March 15, 2004. The statement reported Suzanne Gallagher, the candidate, as the treasurer and 15532 SW Pacific Highway C-1B PMB 508, Tigard, OR 97224 as the address to which all candidate and committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a post-election report with the secretary on June 17, 2004.
3. The secretary received the report on June 18, 2004, which is one business day after the date on which the report was due.

4. The committee reported total contributions of \$24,298.11 and total expenditures of \$30,962.85 during the accounting period for the report.
5. On September 13, 2004, the committee filed an amended Statement of Organization, updating the committee's mailing address to 11855 SW Katherine St, Tigard, OR 97223. The candidate's mailing address did not change.
6. On November 22, 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 candidate/treasurer at the above-referenced candidate mailing address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$928.89 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by S. M. Gallagher on November 23, 2004.
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 late filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Suzanne Gallagher, Candidate/Treasurer, failed to file a timely post-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate/Treasurer Suzanne Gallagher's failure to file a timely post-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election violated ORS 260.058.

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 3% of the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—for each business day the report was late as this is the second late violation by the candidate.

ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$928.89 ($\$30,962.85 \times 3\% \times 1 \text{ day}$) is assessed. If your payment is not received within 60 days from the date of service noted below, this Order will be sent to our accounting division for collection and may be subsequently sent to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Please refer to case number L7813 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: Friends of Suzanne Gallagher (008972)
Suzanne Gallagher, Candidate / Treasurer
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