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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 Cowan for State Rep (Jean), Jean Cowan, Candidate,) Final Order by Default
Ruthanne Lidman, Treasurer, for the First Supplement to the)
Second Pre-Election for the November 2, 2004, General) Case No. L8154
Election)

April 27, 2005

Cowan for State Rep (Jean) (004878)
Jean Cowan, Candidate / Ruthanne Lidman, Treasurer
2710 NE Iler
Newport, OR 97365

Dear Ms. Cowan:

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

On March 11, 2005, the secretary notified Cowan for State Rep (Jean) (committee), pursuant to ORS 260.232(2), that it had failed to file a complete 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 6, 2004. The mailing address provided on the Statement of Organization for the candidate was 2710 NE Iler, Newport, OR 97365. The statement reported Ruthanne Lidman as the treasurer and 10200 SW Century Oak Dr, Tigard, OR 97224-4643 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee submitted a timely first supplement to the second pre-election report on October 25, 2004; however, additional contributions should have been included on the report. The committee reported the contributions required to be on the first supplement to the second pre-election report (\$26,068.98 from House Builders Future PAC on October 20 and October 22, 2004) on a first supplement to the second pre-election report filed on

October 26, 2004, which is one business day after the first supplement to the second pre-election report was due.

3. On March 11, 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 addresses. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$260.69 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Jean Cowan on March 12, 2005.
4. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
5. The secretary has record of no previous late filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Jean Cowan, Candidate, and Ruthanne Lidman, Treasurer, failed to file a complete first supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 2, 2004, General Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Jean Cowan's and Treasurer Ruthanne Lidman's failure to file a complete first supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 2, 2004, General Election violated ORS 260.068.

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 candidate.

ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$260.69 ($\$26,068.98 \times 1\% \times 1 \text{ day}$) 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 L8154 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: Ruthanne Lidman, Treasurer
10200 SW Century Oak Dr
Tigard, OR 97224-4643