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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 Jim Hill, Jim Hill, Candidate, Maria Smithson, ) Final Order by Default  
Treasurer, for the Supplemental of 2005 )  
) Case No. L8489  
)

June 30, 2006

Friends of Jim Hill (001060)  
Jim Hill, Candidate / Maria Smithson, Treasurer  
PO Box 82243  
Portland, OR 97282

Dear Mr. Hill:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a timely supplemental contribution and expenditure report for 2005.

On May 26, 2006, the secretary notified the Friends of Jim Hill (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 October 4, 2002. The mailing address provided on the Statement of Organization for the candidate was PO Box 3554, Wilsonville, OR 97070. The statement reported Maria Smithson as the treasurer and 16265 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville, OR 97070 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a supplemental report with the secretary on September 12, 2005.
3. On September 11, 2003, the secretary obtained an updated mailing address for the candidate of 4584 12<sup>th</sup> Pl. S, Salem OR 97302 and 3037 Planters Walk Ct Charlotte, NC 28210-8025 for the treasurer.

4. The secretary sent the committee a notice that it had failed to file a timely report on September 13, 2005. The notice was sent by first class mail to the candidate and treasurer at the above-referenced addresses.
5. The secretary received the report on January 24, 2006, which is 91 business days after the date on which the report was due.
6. On February 15, 2006, the secretary received an updated mailing address for the candidate of PO Box 82243, Portland, OR 97282.
7. The committee reported no contributions or expenditures during the accounting period for the report.
8. On May 26, 2006, 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 \$50.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Jef Green on June 6, 2006.
9. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
10. The secretary has record of one previous late filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

#### ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Jim Hill, Candidate, and Maria Smithson, Treasurer, failed to file a timely supplemental contribution and expenditure report for 2005.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Jim Hill's and Treasurer Maria Smithson's failure to file a timely supplemental contribution and expenditure report for 2005 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.

Although the calculated penalty for the late report is \$50.00 ( $\$0.00 \times 3\% \times 91$  days), the penalty matrix sets a minimum penalty of \$50.00 for a candidate's or treasurer's second late violation.

ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$50.00 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 L8489 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.

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Candy Broucek, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

c: Maria Smithson, Treasurer  
3037 Planters Walk Ct  
Charlotte, NC 28210-8025