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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 Judy in 2004, Judith F. Stiegler, Candidate / Treasurer, for
the Supplemental of 2005

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) Final Order by Default
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) Case No. L8549
)

July 5, 2006

Judy in 2004 (004651)
Judith F. Stiegler, Candidate /Treasurer
61371 Orion Dr
Bend, OR 97702

Dear Ms. Stiegler:

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 June 9, 2006, the secretary notified Judy in 2004 (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 December 10, 2004. The mailing address provided on the Statement of Organization for the candidate was 2660 Hwy 20, Ste 610 PMB #38, Bend, OR 97701.
2. The committee was required to file a supplemental report with the secretary on September 12, 2005.
3. The secretary received the report on September 13, 2005, which is one business day after the date on which the report was due.
4. The committee reported no contributions and total expenditures of \$4,797.15 during the accounting period for the report.

5. 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, who is treasurer, to the above-referenced address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$239.85 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing.
6. On June 1, 2006, the post-office, "receiving agency no authorization to receive mail for this address", returned the first class mail. On June 2, 2006, the certified mail was returned "not deliverable as addressed".
7. On June 8, 2006, the secretary spoke with the candidate. The candidate indicated the mailing address was correct and to re-send the first class mail to the candidate address and the certified mail to 61371 Orion Dr, Bend, OR 97702.
8. On June 9, 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 to the above-referenced addresses. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$239.85 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Judith Stiegler on June 13, 2006.
9. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
10. The notice of proposed civil penalty erroneously proposed a penalty of \$239.85. The actual calculated penalty should have been \$143.91, because this was the candidate's second violation, not the third violation as stated in the notice.
11. The secretary has record of one previous late filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Judith F. Stiegler, Candidate / Treasurer, failed to file a timely supplemental contribution and expenditure report for 2005.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Judith F. Stiegler's failure to file a timely supplemental contribution and expenditure report for 2005 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 3% of the total contributions or total expenditures—which ever 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 \$143.91 ($\$4,797.15 \times 3\% \times 1 \text{ day}$) 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 L8549 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.

Stacey Jackson, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: July 5, 2006

c: 2660 NE Hwy 20, Ste 610 PMB #38
Bend, OR 97701