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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 the Stop Over Spending PAC, Jason Williams, Treasurer,
for the July Initiative Drive for 2006

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) Final Order by Default
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) Case No. L8854
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May 31, 2007

Stop Over Spending PAC (005159)
Jason Williams, Treasurer
PO Box 23573
Tigard, OR 97281

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a timely July initiative drive contribution and expenditure report for 2006.

On November 30, 2006, the secretary notified the Stop Over Spending PAC (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 November 29, 2005. The statement reported Jason Williams as the treasurer and PO Box 23969, Tigard, OR 97281 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a July initiative drive report with the secretary on July 24, 2006.
3. The secretary sent the committee a notice that it had failed to file a timely report on July 25, 2006. The notice was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address.
4. On August 11, 2006, the secretary sent a letter to the committee informing them that their report had still not been received.

5. The secretary received the report on August 15, 2006, which is 16 business days after the date on which the report was due.
6. The committee reported no contributions and no expenditures during the accounting period for the report.
7. On September 11, 2006, the secretary received a Statement of Organization for Chief Petitioner Committee (SEL 222) that updated the committee mailing address to PO Box 23573, Tigard, OR 97281.
8. On March 9, 2007, 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 Karen Ward on March 12, 2007.
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 no previous late filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2005.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Jason Williams, Treasurer, failed to file a timely July initiative drive contribution and expenditure report for the 2006.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Treasurer Jason Williams's failure to file a timely July initiative drive contribution and expenditure report for the 2006 violated ORS 260.118.

By statute, a maximum \$10,000 civil penalty may be imposed for this violation. The *2006 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 104–106, 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.

Stacey Jackson, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: May 31, 2007