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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 Oregon Veterans PAC, John Lindsey, Treasurer, for ) Final Order by Default  
the July Initiative Drive for the 2006 )  
) Case No. L8879  
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May 31, 2007

Oregon Veterans PAC (005383)  
John Lindsey, Treasurer  
30656 Butte Creek Dr  
Lebanon, OR 97355

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

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 the 2006.

On March 9, 2007, the secretary notified the Oregon Veterans 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 March 29, 2006. The statement reported John Lindsey as the treasurer and 30656 Butte Creek Dr, Lebanon, OR 97355 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. The secretary received the report on July 31, 2006, which is five business days after the date on which the report was due.

5. The committee reported total contributions of \$100.00 and total expenditures of \$100.00 during the accounting period for the report.
6. 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 a civil penalty of \$5.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was returned unclaimed and the post office indicated it gave first notice on March 10, 2007.
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 no previous late filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2005.

#### ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

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

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Treasurer John Lindsey'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.

The calculated penalty for the late report is \$5.00 ( $\$100.00 \times 1\% \times 5$  days). Because the appropriate penalty is under \$50, no 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.

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Jan Flowers, Compliance Specialist

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