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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of a Late Contribution and Expenditure Report)
by the Hispanics of Oregon Republican Assembly, Mariano) Final Order by Default
Lucero III, Treasurer, for the First Pre-Election for the)
November 7, 2006, General Election) Case No. L8976
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May 31, 2007

Hispanics of Oregon Republican Assembly (005096)
Mariano Lucero III, Treasurer
PO Box 1595
Sandy, OR 97055

Dear Mr. Lucero:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a timely first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 7, 2006, General Election.

On March 23, 2007, the secretary notified the Hispanics of Oregon Republican Assembly (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 August 3, 2006. The statement reported Mariano Lucero as the treasurer and 37265 Solso Dr. Sandy, Oregon 97303 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a first pre-election report with the secretary on October 2, 2006.
3. On October 3, 2006, the secretary sent the committee a notice that it had failed to file a timely report on October 2, 2006. The notice was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address.
4. The secretary received the report on October 5, 2006, which is three business days after the date on which the report was due.

5. The committee reported total contributions of \$3,000.00 and no expenditures during the accounting period for the report.
6. On October 30, 2006, the committee filed an amended Statement of Organization (SEL 221) with the secretary. The statement reported Mariano Lucero III as the treasurer and PO Box 1595 Sandy Oregon 97055 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
7. On March 23, 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 \$450.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Mariano Lucero on April 9, 2007. The penalty was incorrectly figured at \$450.00 it should have been \$90.00 as this is the treasurer's first violation.
8. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
9. The secretary has record of no previous late filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2005.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Mariano Lucero III, Treasurer, failed to file a timely first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 7, 2006, General Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Treasurer Mariano Lucero III's failure to file a timely first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 7, 2006, General Election violated ORS 260.073.

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.

ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$90.00 ($\$3,000.00 \times 1\% \times 3 \text{ days}$) 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 L8976 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.

Candy Broucek, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____