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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 Friends of Lee Coleman, Leon (Lee) H. Coleman,) Final Order by Default
Candidate, Kenneth R. Brown, Treasurer, for the First)
Supplement to the Second Pre-Election for the) Case No. L9152
November 7, 2006, General Election)

July 27, 2007

Friends of Lee Coleman (005276)
Leon (Lee) H. Coleman, Candidate / Kenneth R. Brown, Treasurer
21160 SW Sandra Ln
Aloha, OR 97006

Dear Mr. Coleman:

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

On May 25, 2007, the secretary notified the Friends of Lee Coleman (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 February 8, 2006. The statement reported Kenneth R. Brown as the treasurer and 4130 SW 117th Ave #140, Beaverton, OR 97005 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee was required to file a first supplement to the second pre-election report with the secretary on October 30, 2006.
3. The secretary received the report on October 31, 2006, which is one business day after the date on which the report was due.
4. The committee reported no contributions and total expenditures of \$1,862.00 on the report.

5. On May 16, 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 candidate and was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced addresses. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$18.62 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. All copies of the notice were returned by the post office on May 24, 2007.
6. On May 14, 2007, the committee had amended the Statement of Organization, updating the mailing address for the candidate to 21160 SW Sandra Ln, Aloha, OR 97006, and the mailing address for the treasurer to 2960 SW 113th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005. On May 25, 2007, the notice was reissued and sent by both certified and first class mail to the candidate and was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the current addresses. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Leon Coleman on June 8, 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

Leon (Lee) H. Coleman, Candidate, and Kenneth R. Brown, Treasurer, failed to file a timely first supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 7, 2006, General Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Leon (Lee) H. Coleman's and Treasurer Kenneth R. Brown's failure to file a timely first supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 7, 2006, General Election violated ORS 260.068.

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 candidate.

The calculated penalty for the late report is \$18.62 ($\$1,862.00 \times 1\% \times 1 \text{ day}$). 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.

Nancy Ferry, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____

c: Kenneth R. Brown, Treasurer
2960 SW 113th Ave
Beaverton, OR 97005