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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 Debra Vogt for Circuit Court Judge, Debra Kay Zuhlke) Final Order by Default
Vogt, Candidate, Marc Spence, Treasurer, for the First)
Supplement to the Second Pre-Election for the) Case No. L9212
November 7, 2006, General Election)

July 27, 2007

Debra Vogt for Circuit Court Judge (005247)
Debra Kay Zuhlke Vogt, Candidate / Marc Spence, Treasurer
160 E. Broadway, Ste 200
Eugene, OR 97401

Dear Ms. Vogt:

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

On May 16, 2007, the secretary notified Debra Vogt for Circuit Court Judge (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 17, 2006. The statement reported Marc Spence as the treasurer and 160 E. Broadway, Ste 200, Eugene, OR 97401 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee submitted a timely first supplement to the second pre-election report on October 30, 2006. However, an additional contribution (\$2,000 from Kevin Vogt on October 25, 2006) should have been included on the report.
3. The committee first reported the contribution required to be included on the first supplement to the second pre-election report on its post-election report filed on December 7, 2006, making this portion of the report 26 business days late.

4. 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 address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$100.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail has not been returned and the post-office has no record of delivery.
5. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
6. The secretary has record of one previous late filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2005.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Debra Kay Zuhlke Vogt, Candidate, and Marc Spence, Treasurer, failed to file a complete first supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the November 7, 2006, General Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Debra Kay Zuhlke Vogt's and Treasurer Marc Spence's failure to file a complete 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 3% of the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—for each business day the report was late as this is the second late violation by the candidate.

Although the calculated penalty for the late report is \$1,560.00 ($\$2,000.00 \times 3\% \times 26$ days), the penalty matrix sets a maximum penalty of \$100.00 when the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—is between \$0 and \$2,000.

ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$100.00 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 L9212 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 27, 2007

c: Marc Spence, Treasurer
160 E. Broadway, Ste 200
Eugene, OR 97401