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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Candidate/Committee Name: No City Needed  
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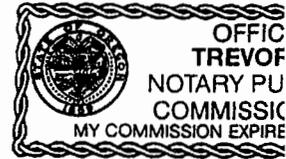
Committee I.D. #: 005545 Treasurer: Virginia Babcock

Primary  General 2006  Other

1st pre-election  2nd pre-election  Supplement to 2nd pre  Post-Election  
 Supplement to Post  Supplemental  Initiative Drive

TESTIMONY:

*See attached*



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BILL BRADBURY  
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Signature [Signature] Date 09/20/07  
Candidate/Treasurer

STATE OF OREGON )

County of Washington )

Subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007, by H. Virginia Babcock

[Signature]  
Notary Public of Oregon  
My commission expires: May 20, 2008



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The questioned expenditure was immediately added to the PAC report after discussion with the Washington County Department of Assessment & Taxation Elections Division, following the filing of the complaint to your office. It was not included in the PAC's first filing because it was not a PAC expense.

Understanding the sequence of events is critical. At the time the voter pamphlet statement was submitted, the submittal was and was wholly intended to be a personal (i.e. non-PAC) submittal, and as such was paid for by personal check. The personal submittal was erroneously identified by the Elections Office in the Voter's Pamphlet as having been submitted by the "No City Needed" PAC.

After receipt of the complaint filing, I immediately discussed the matter with the Elections office which advised that, given the fact the error had by then been printed in thousands of voter pamphlets, I should now simply include it as a PAC transaction since it was identified as such in the voter pamphlet. It was too late to correct the mistake that was not of our making. We were not reimbursed by the PAC and chose instead to report it as a contribution. Consequently, I filed an amended report.

I don't mean to sound harsh about the people at the Elections office. They are hard-working, very nice and are very helpful to the public. At that time, however, they were very busy and the oversight must have seemed to be a minor problem which they believed could be fixed in the way they said.

At the time of the expenditure for the voter pamphlet statement, we were unaware of any issue about a Statement of Independent Expenditures (PC 10) on the matter. Therefore, no action was made by us and, importantly, no question was raised by Washington County.

It is important to emphasize that all submitted reports for the PAC were reviewed, scrutinized, accepted and acknowledged as correct by the Washington County Elections Office following their submission. A final PC1, PC3 and SEL 221 (to discontinue the PAC) were faxed to Washington County on December 29, 2006.

As mentioned in my previous correspondence to the Secretary of State's office, we were inexperienced and did our best to follow the rules and the advice we were given at the Elections office. Any errors made were unintentional and resulted from my inexperience with filing campaign finance reports. Therefore, I respectfully request that the penalty charge be waived.

