

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Citizens for Dave Hancock (Registration No. 17132);

1. As part of a routine compliance review, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board discovered a reporting discrepancy between the 2014 year-end report filed by a party unit and the 2014 year-end report filed by the Citizens for Dave Hancock committee. The party unit reported that it had donated voter mailing lists worth \$250 to the committee. The committee, however, reported that the candidate had purchased the lists with personal funds and then donated them to the committee.
2. In response to Board inquiries, the committee examined its records and determined that the mailing lists had indeed been donated by the party unit. When the value of the mailing lists was added to the other contributions received from party units and terminating candidate committees, the Citizens for Dave Hancock committee had exceeded the \$10,000 2013-2014 election segment limit on contributions from these sources by \$110.40.
3. The Citizens for Dave Hancock committee has returned \$110.40 to a local party unit. But because this return occurred after the 90-day period for returning contributions had expired, the committee is deemed to have accepted an excess of \$110.40 in contributions from party units and terminating candidate committees during the 2013-2014 election segment. This is the committee's first violation of the limit on party unit and terminating candidate committee contributions. The committee registered with the Board on May 14, 2010.
4. In emails to the Board, the committee's treasurer stated that she filed the committee's initial report based on her understanding that the candidate had paid for the mailing lists and then donated them to the committee. When the treasurer could not find any documentation of this payment, she determined that the mailing lists actually had been donated by the party unit. The treasurer then promptly amended the committee's 2014 year-end report to disclose the actual source of the contribution.
5. The parties agree that the Citizens for Dave Hancock committee accepted excessive contributions from party units and terminating candidate committees in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, during the 2013-2014 election segment.
6. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Citizens for Dave Hancock committee agrees that at the time of receipt of any in-kind contribution, it will conclusively document the source of the contribution.

7. The candidate agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$110.40 against the candidate for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2. \$27.60 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties and the remaining \$82.80 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the committee violates the party unit and terminating candidate committee limit in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the party unit does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

8. If the candidate and the Citizens for Dave Hancock committee do not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Dave Hancock
Representative Dave Hancock
Citizens for Dave Hancock

Dated: 9/16/2015

/s/ Gary Goldsmith
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: 9/1/2015

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 9/1/, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board