

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Ronald) Latz Volunteer Committee (#15668);

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2004, the (Ron) Latz Volunteer Committee ("the Committee") inadvertently accepted \$6,200 in contributions from special sources. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$500 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$5,700. Specifically, the Committee accepted a \$500 contribution from a political committee which was deposited into the Committee checking account. The Committee attempted to return the contribution within the 60-day period provided in Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3. However, for reasons unknown to the parties, the refunded contribution was never deposited.

2. In a letter received September 22, 2005, from Alan Silver, Treasurer, he acknowledges that the Committee accepted a check from the Minnesota Chiropractic Political Action Committee for \$500 on October 4, 2004. Mr. Silver stated, "The check was deposited in the Committee's checking account; however, after making this deposit, I realized that the

Committee had reached its limit for aggregate contributions. Therefore, a refund check dated October 24, 2004 was sent to the Minnesota Chiropractic PAC...in the amount of \$500. ... Upon receipt of the audit request, I contacted the Minn Chiropractic PAC and was advised that it had no record of receiving the refund check. ...I didn't realize that the check from last October had not been cashed until I received the audit letter and then more carefully examined my records."


3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on April 16, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions in calendar year 2004 from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 11.

5. The Committee hereby agrees to return \$500 to political committees or political funds that contributed to the campaign in calendar year 2004. Copies of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. Unless violated, the parties agree that this Conciliation Agreement is a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

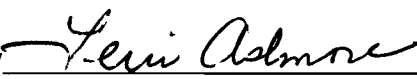
7. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Mr. Latz and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.



Ron Latz

Dated: 11/23/05

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Terri Ashmore, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: 12/7/05