

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Volunteers for (Kent) Eken (#15789);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative Kent Eken (hereinafter referred to as "the Candidate") hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2005, the Volunteers for (Kent) Eken ("the Committee") accepted facially excessive contributions from two individuals that in total exceed the contribution limit by \$100. Each individual contributed \$150 to the Committee, which exceeds the \$100 nonelection year limit, set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause a (5). The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In response to an inquiry, Jim Skaurud, treasurer, states, "I just began as treasurer for Volunteers for Kent Eken in January and did not realize there was a limit of \$100 from an individual in a non-election year. I apologize for this oversight."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of a facially excessive contribution that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on June 20, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted facially excessive contributions from individuals resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause 5, in calendar year 2005.

5. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$200, two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

6. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$200 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$200 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

7. The Candidate has returned \$50 to each individual that contributed an excess amount. Copies of the checks and the accompanying letters returning the excess amount were forwarded to the Board.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$200 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$300 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$400 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate 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. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11 and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.

Rep. Kent Eken

Dated: April 15, '06

Representative Kent Eken

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Bob Milbert

Dated: 4/24/06

Bob Milbert, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board