

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

**FINDINGS IN THE MATTER OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF
A CONTRIBUTION DURING THE REGULAR 2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
BY THE FRIENDS FOR VALDIS ROZENTALS COMMITTEE**

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

In the 2004 Pre-Primary Report of Receipts and Expenditures the Friends for Valdis Rozentals Committee reported receiving a \$500 contribution from the Steve Sumner for Senate Committee. Minn. Stat. §10A.273, subd. 1, prohibits a candidate for the legislature from accepting a contribution from a terminating principal campaign committee during the regular session of the legislature. The regular 2004 legislative session was held from February 2, to May 16, 2004.

This matter was considered by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“Board”) in executive session on November 22, 2005.

Based on the record before it, the Board issues the following:

STATEMENT OF THE EVIDENCE

1. There is evidence that the The Friends for Valdis Rozentals Committee inadvertently violated Minn. Stat. §10A.273, subd. 1, when it accepted a contribution of \$500 on March 26, 2004, from the Steve Sumner for Senate Committee. The regular 2004 legislative Session was held from February 2 to May 16, 2004.
2. There is no evidence that the contribution was returned within 60 days. Minn. Stat. §10A.272, subd. 4, provides that a principal campaign committee that accepts a contribution from another principal campaign committee during the legislative session is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Friends for Valdis Rozentals Committee reported acceptance of a contribution from a terminating principal campaign committee during the regular legislative session.

Based on the above Statement of the Evidence, the Board makes the following:

FINDING CONCERNING PROBABLE CAUSE

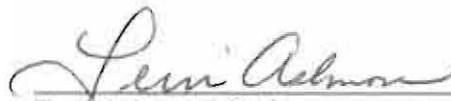
There is probable cause to believe that the Friends for Valdis Rozentals Committee violated Minn. Stat. §10A.273, subd. 1, by accepting a contribution from a terminating principal campaign committee during the regular session of the legislature in 2004.

Based on the above Finding Concerning Probable Cause, the Board issues the following:

ORDER

1. The Board imposes a civil fine of \$500, one times the amount of the contribution, on the Friends for Valdis Rozentals Committee for acceptance of a prohibited contribution during the regular 2004 legislative session.
2. The Steve Sumner for Senate Committee has terminated. Therefore the Board directs the Friends for Valdis Rozentals Committee to forward the prohibited contribution of \$500 to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the State of Minnesota.
3. The Friends for Valdis Rozentals Committee is directed to send to the Board payment of the civil fine and return of the contribution by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA, within thirty days after receipt of this order.
4. If the Friends for Valdis Rozentals Committee does not comply with the provisions of this order, the Board's Executive Director shall refer this matter to the Ramsey County Attorney for civil enforcement pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 10A.273.
5. The Board investigation of this matter is entered into the public record in accordance with Minn. Stat. §10A.02, subd. 11, and upon payment by the Friends for Valdis Rozentals Volunteer Committee of the civil fine imposed herein, the matter is concluded.

Dated: November 22, 2005



Terri Ashmore, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board