

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the People for (Rick) Hansen Committee (#16189);

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

1. During 2005, the People for (Rick) Hansen Committee ("the Committee") accepted \$1,200 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$150, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$1,050. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$60 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$1,140. The \$60 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated January 31, 2006, Representative Hansen states "I inadvertently accepted and deposited two lobbyist checks which resulted in my campaign having \$1,200 in aggregate lobbyist and political committee/fund contributions. I discovered this when completing this report, more than 60 days after receiving the checks."

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 July 29, 2004.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 11, in calendar year 2005.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board copies of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$60, one 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.

7. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$60 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 \$60, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$60 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 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) \$120 which is two 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) \$180 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair,

(c) \$240 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 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, sections 10A.02, subdivision 11 and 10A.28, subdivision 3.



Dated: 3/17/06

Representative Rick Hansen

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Dated: 3.20.06

Bob Milbert, chair


Felicia J. Boyd Vice Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board