## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

## CONCILIATION

## AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Committee to Elect Al Doty (#16198);

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

1. The Committee to Elect Al Doty ("the Committee") is the principal campaign committee of Al Doty for District 12B. During 2008, the Committee accepted \$6,550 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$350, and from political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$6,200. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$250 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state representative candidate was \$6,300. The amount of \$250 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence dated May 23, 2009, Gary Gannon, treasurer stated "After reviewing our records, I did find a copy of a check...for \$250. I did not enter it in the ledger for the state report. I do not know why, but I did not."

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 August 2, 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 2008.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$250 to contributors described in paragraph 1. 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. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$250, 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 \$250 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 \$250, a copy of each check and letter returning the contribution, 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 \$250 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) \$500 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) \$750 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) \$1,000, four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 90 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. Once signed, the Agreement 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.

Representative Al Doty

7/16/09 Dated:

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

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Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board