

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

**CONCILIATION**

**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Becky Lourey for Governor Committee (#15463);

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

1. The Becky Lourey for Governor Committee ("the Committee") is the principal campaign committee of Becky Lourey. During 2009, the Committee accepted a contribution of \$1,000 from the Coalition for Democratic Values, a political committee registered with the Board. The 2009 non-election year contribution limit from a political committee to a Governor candidate is \$500, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(1). The excess contribution came to the attention of the Board when the Coalition for Democratic Values supplied bank records to resolve a question outside the scope of this conciliation agreement. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
  
2. In a letter dated August 17, 2009, Ms. Lourey acknowledged that acceptance of the \$1,000 contribution was an error and apologized for the violation. With her response Ms. Lourey provided a copy of a check used to return \$500 to the Coalition for Democratic Values.

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of a contribution that facially exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on August 9, 2001.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted a facially excessive contribution from a political committee resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(1), in calendar year 2009. The parties recognize that the subject contribution was excessive on its face.

5. The Committee has returned \$500 to the political committee that made the excess contribution. A copy of the check used to return the excess amount was forwarded to the Board on August 17, 2009.

6. The Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$1000.00, two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. The assessment of a penalty of two times the amount of the violation recognizes that this matter involved a facially excessive contribution.

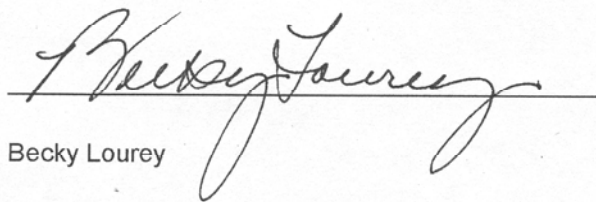
7. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$1,000 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$1,000 and this Conciliation Agreement 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 \$1,000 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) \$1,500 which is three times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

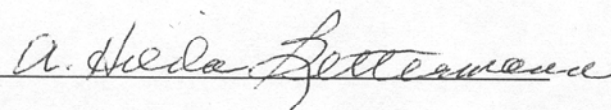
(b) \$2,000 which is four times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair. 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.

  
Becky Lourey

Dated: October 15, 2009

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By  Dated: 10-28-09

A. Hilda Bettermann, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board