STATE OF MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Jack Baker District 25 Senate Committee (#16912);

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

- 1. The Jack Baker District 25 Senate Committee ("the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Jonathan Baker. The 2009 non-election year contribution limit from an individual to a state senate candidate was \$100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). During 2009, the Committee accepted \$150 contributions from two individual contributors. The contributions facially exceeded the applicable contribution limit by a total of \$100. 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 March 2, 2010, Jonathan Baker states "The contributions were \$150...each gentleman purchased individual sports prints in an auction. I did not recognize the mistake of \$150.00 versus \$100.00 until I was attending a candidates training course..."

- 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 June 29, 2009.
- 4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted and deposited excessive contributions from two individual contributors resulting in inadvertent violations of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5), in calendar year 2009.
- 5. The Committee has returned \$50 to each contributor. Copy of the checks used to return the contributions have been provided to the Board.
- 6. The Committee agrees to pay 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. The assessment of a penalty of two times the amount of the violations recognizes that this matter involved facially excessive contributions.
- 7. The Committee 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 both parties. 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.
- 8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$200 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, the terms of this conciliation agreement will be violated

and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

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.

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Jonathan Baker

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Blow Dated: May 4, 2010

Bob Milbert, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board