

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the People to Re-Elect Senator Steve Murphy Committee (#12667);

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

1. The People to Re-Elect Senator Steve Murphy Committee ("the Committee") is the principal campaign committee of Senator Steve Murphy. The 2009 non-election year contribution limit from a political fund to a state senate candidate was \$100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). During 2009, the Committee accepted a \$126.67 contribution from the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC. The contribution facially exceeded the applicable contribution limit by \$26.67. 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 April 28, 2010, Senator Steve Murphy states "After reviewing the information we received from the Minnesota Professional Firefighters Association (30098), it would appear that my principal did receive a donation totaling \$126.67 from the association. It seems their

donation coincides with my committee's registration number assigned by the board (12667) , which explains the odd amount and places my committee \$26.67 over the limit..."

3. Board records show that this is the second 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 March 17, 1992.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted and deposited a facially excessive contribution from a political fund resulting an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4), in calendar year 2009.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$26.67 to the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC. A copy of the check and the accompanying letter returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by both parties.

6. The Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$80.01, three 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 three times the amount of the violation recognizes that this matter is the second calendar year involving a facially excessive contribution.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$80.01 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 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 \$80.01 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.

Steve Murphy Dated: 06-22-10

Senator Steve Murphy

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Bob Milbert Dated: June 1, 2010

Bob Milbert, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board