STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Taylor) Stevenson for Minn Committee (#16923);

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

1. The (Taylor) Stevenson for Minn Committee (“the Committee”) is the principal campaign committee of Taylor Stevenson. The 2010 election year contribution limit from an individual to a state senate candidate was $500, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). During 2010, the Committee accepted cumulative contributions that total $800 from an individual. The contributions exceeded the applicable contribution limit by $300. The amount of the excess contributions 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 9, 2011, Michael Soderlund, treasurer, states “I have checked my records and, indeed, I should have caught that violation… I can only say that the error was mine and that it was not intentional.”
3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on August 7, 2009.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive cumulative contributions from an individual resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 1(a)(4), in calendar year 2010.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return $300 to the individual who made the excess contribution. 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 Candidate agrees to pay a civil penalty of $300, 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 Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board $300 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 $300 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 failure to pay the civil penalty of $300 or return the $300 in excess contribution within the time specified in paragraphs 5 and 7 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement 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.

[Signature]
Dated: 6-4-11
Taylor Stevenson

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

[Signature]
Dated: May 31, 2011
John Scanlon, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board