

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Tony) Cornish for State Representative Committee (#15641);

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

1. The (Tony) Cornish for State Representative Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Tony Cornish. The 2011 nonelection year contribution limit from an individual to a state representative candidate was \$100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). During 2011, the Committee reported accepting facially excessive contributions from ten individuals. The combined total by which the ten facially excessive contributions exceeded the individual limit was \$1,000. The amount that each contribution exceeded the limit was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter received February 29, 2012, Anna Koehler, treasurer, explained that she was still applying the election year limit of \$500 to contributions and mistakenly did not apply the nonelection year limit.

3. Board records show that this is the second calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable individual contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on April 4, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted ten facially excessive contributions from individuals resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 1(a)(4), in calendar year 2011. The parties recognize that each contribution was excessive on its face.

5. The Committee has returned \$1,000 to the ten individuals who made the excess contributions. Copies of the checks returning the excess amounts have been provided to the Board.

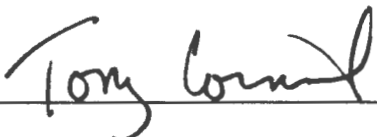
6. The Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$3,000, three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. The assessment of a penalty of three times the amount of the violation recognizes that this matter involved facially excessive contributions which are typically fined at two times the amount of the excess contributions, and that this is the second calendar year in which the Committee violated this statute, which results in a further increase of one times the amount of the excess.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$3,000 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 \$3,000 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 failure to pay the civil penalty of \$3,000 within the time specified in paragraph 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.


_____ Dated: 4-12-12
Representative Tony Cornish

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 
_____ Dated: April 3, 2012
Greg McCullough, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board