

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

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Steuart Property LLC;

1. Gary Steuart for Minnesota is the principal campaign committee of Gary Steuart, a candidate for House District 26B. On August 5, 2024, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint from Joseph Sheffer alleging that the Steuart committee violated Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15 when it accepted in-kind contributions from a corporation, Steuart Property LLC.

2. Mr. Steuart stated he was unaware that contributions from his own single-member LLC were prohibited. Board staff requested an itemized list of contributions from Steuart Property LLC. The total given to the Steuart committee by Steuart Property LLC was \$11,549.50. A total of \$9,549.50 was returned by the Steuart committee to Steuart Property LLC within 90 days of receipt; however, a \$2,000 monetary contribution to the Steuart committee by Steuart Property LLC was made January 8, 2024. That contribution not able to be returned within 90 days and is therefore deemed accepted by the Steuart committee under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

3. Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2, prohibits a corporation, including an LLC that does business in Minnesota, from making a contribution to a candidate committee. Contributions include in-kind contributions, which are anything of value that is given to a candidate committee other than money or negotiable instruments.

4. Mr. Steuart admits that he is the sole owner of Steuart Property LLC, and that Steuart Property LLC, made a \$2,000 contribution to the Gary Steuart for Minnesota committee on January 8, 2024, in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2. This is Steuart Property LLC's first violation of the prohibition on corporate contributions.

5. To avoid a similar violation in the future, Steuart Property LLC agrees that it will refrain from its staff and ownership using Steuart Property LLC's corporate resources and assets for the benefit of a candidate committee as prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15.

6. Steuart Property LLC agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$200 for making a contribution prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2.

7. If Steuart Property LLC does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Gary M Steuart  
Gary Steuart  
Steuart Property LLC

Dated: January 2, 2025

/s/ David Asp  
David Asp, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: December 4, 2024