

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Carrie Ruud for Senate Volunteer Committee (#15618);

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

1. During 2005, the Carrie Ruud for Senate Volunteer Committee ("the Committee") accepted cumulatively excessive contributions of \$200 from an individual that in total exceeded the contribution limit by \$100. The 2005 nonelection year contribution limit for a senate candidate was \$100, set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause a (4). The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated March 30, 2006, Chris Anderson, treasurer, states "The error made in accepting and reporting the contribution that was over the 2005 limit was entirely an oversight on my part. This has now been, at least partially, corrected by refunding the overage to the donor."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of a contribution that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on March 29, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted a cumulatively excessive contribution from an individual resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1 (a), clause 4, in calendar year 2005.

5. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$100, one 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.

6. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$100 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. A copy of the check and letter returning the contribution has been provided. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$100 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$100 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

- (a) \$200 which is two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$300 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(c) \$400 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

8. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then 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.

Carrie Ruud

Dated: 4-17-06

Senator Carrie Ruud

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Bob Milbert

Dated: 4/24/06

Bob Milbert, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board