

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION**

**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Becky Lourey for Governor Committee (#15463);

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

1. During 2006, the Becky Lourey for Governor Committee ("the Committee") accepted cumulatively excessive contributions of \$2,100 from an individual that in total exceeded the contribution limit by \$100. The 2006 election year contribution limit for a Governor candidate was \$2,000, as set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause a(1). The excess contribution was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence dated January 29, 2007, Scott Benson, treasurer states, "When the Committee realized that (the contributor) had made \$100 in an excess contribution, we attempted to return the \$100 to her. ... (she) refused to accept the return of the \$100. ...We are willing to take whatever corrective action the Board indicates should be taken at this time."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of cumulative contributions that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on August 9, 2001.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted a cumulatively excessive contribution from an individual in calendar year 2006 resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause a(1).

5. Because the individual refuses to accept the return of the excess contribution the Board directs the Committee to forward \$100 to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. The excess amount of the contribution must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. 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.

7. 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. It is agreed by the parties that copies of the check and accompanying letter returning the contribution, 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.

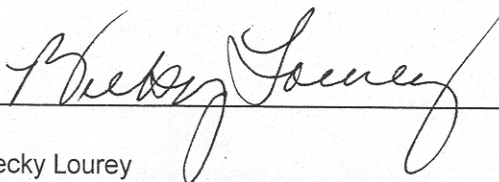
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$100 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated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

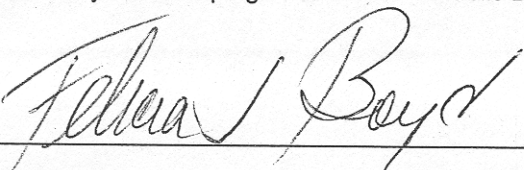
(c) \$400 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

9. 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.

  
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Becky Lourey

Dated: 2/21/2007

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By   
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Felicia Boyd, Chair

Dated: 3/2/07

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