

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the People for Rick Hansen Committee (#16189);


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

1. The People for Rick Hansen Committee ("the Committee") is the principal campaign committee of Representative Rick Hansen. During 2011, the Committee accepted aggregate contributions from party units in the amount of \$1,100. This amount exceeds the \$1,000 nonelection year limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees, set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 2, by \$100. The \$100 excess was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated January 25, 2012, Catherine Hauser, treasurer, provided a copy of a check returning \$100 to a party unit that contributed to the Committee in 2011. The Committee also submitted to the Board a payment of \$100 to be applied toward an anticipated civil penalty for accepting the cumulatively-excessive contribution.

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions in excess of the applicable party unit contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on July 29, 2004.
  
4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively-excessive contributions from political party units in calendar year 2011 resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 10A.27, subdivision 2.
  
5. The Committee has returned \$100 to a party unit that contributed to the Committee in 2011. A copy of the check returning the excess amount was forwarded to the Board.
  
6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$100, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit.
  
7. The Committee has submitted \$100 by check for deposit into the general fund of the state. It is agreed by the parties that the 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 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: 3/10/12  
Representative Rick Hansen

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By   
\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: March 6, 2012  
Greg McCullough, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board