

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Joe Radinovich for Minnesota committee (17361);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Joe Radinovich (the Candidate) agree as follows:

1. The Joe Radinovich for Minnesota committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Joe Radinovich. On its 2013 amended year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures and its 2014 amended year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Committee reported that it had accepted \$12,800 in total contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists, from whom the Committee accepted \$1,995, and political committees or political funds, from which the Committee accepted \$10,805. The total amount of these contributions exceeds the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources during the 2013-2014 election segment, which is \$12,500 for a state representative candidate. The \$300 that exceeded the limit was not returned within 90 days, and was therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. In a letter to the Board dated June 5, 2015, the Committee's treasurer stated that, on September 29, 2014, the Committee inadvertently deposited a \$300 check into its account from Education Minn PAC that was intended for the 10th Senate District DFL. The contribution was initially reported as having been received from the 10th Senate District DFL, which is not a special source contributor. The error was identified by Board staff because the reported receipt did not reconcile with the alleged donor's corresponding report of receipts and expenditures. Because the contributor's identity was not initially accurate, the Committee did not receive a notification from the Campaign Finance Reporter software for exceeding the special source limit at that time. The Committee provided a copy of a letter and check dated May 26, 2015, returning the contribution to Education Minn PAC.
3. Board records indicate that this is the first instance in which the Committee reported the acceptance of contributions that exceeded the special source limit. The Committee registered with the Board on February 28, 2012.
4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during the 2013-2014 election segment.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Candidate and the Committee agree that they will:
 - a. Ensure that the Committee's treasurer reviews and accurately enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt; and
 - b. Examine each contribution check to ensure that the contribution is intended for the Committee, and any checks not intended for the committee will be returned to the donor.

6. The Candidate and the Committee agree that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$300 against the Committee for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. \$75 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. \$225 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the Committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the Committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11 within that timeframe, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

7. If the Committee 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/ Joe Radinovich
Joe Radinovich
Joe Radinovich for Minnesota

Dated: July 13, 2015

/s/ Gary Goldsmith
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: July 6, 2015

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of July 6, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board