

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Jen Kader for MN House (Registration No. 18240);

1. Jen Kader for MN House is the principal campaign committee of candidate Jen Kader for a seat in the state house of representatives. A routine review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Jen Kader for MN House committee's 2018 pre-primary report of receipts and expenditures showed that on February 20, 2018, the committee had received \$400 from Jono 4 Parks. Board staff confirmed that Jono 4 Parks is a campaign committee for a municipal park board candidate.
2. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, paragraph (d), prohibits a principal campaign committee from accepting contributions from the committee of a candidate for municipal office.
3. In an email to Board staff, the committee treasurer stated that the contribution was accepted because this is the first campaign for both the candidate and the treasurer and they did not know that the committee could not accept contributions from local candidate committees. The committee has provided documentation to the Board showing that on August 21, 2018, it returned \$400 to the Jono 4 Parks committee. Because the contribution was not returned within 90 days of receipt, the contribution is deemed to be accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
4. The parties agree that the committee violated the statutory prohibition on accepting contributions from local candidate committees. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the candidate and the committee agree that in the future, they will do the following:
 - a. Ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt;
 - b. Run a batch compliance report after each time contributions are entered and take steps to remedy any violations the software identifies so that problems may be resolved within the 90 days allowed under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3, for the return of contributions; and
 - c. Update the Campaign Finance Reporter software whenever the software notifies the user that an update is available.
5. To resolve this matter informally, the committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$400 against the committee for accepting contributions prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, paragraph (d). Of this penalty, \$100 is due within 30 days

of the date the agreement is signed by both parties and the remaining \$300 is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2021. If the committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, paragraph (d), before January 1, 2021, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately and the Board may impose such other penalties as may be appropriate. If the committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, paragraph (d), within that timeframe, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

6. If the candidate 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/ Jen Kader Dated: 9/28/2018
Jen Kader
Jen Kader for MN House

/s/ Jeff Sigurdson Dated: 9/12/2018
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of September 12, 2018

/s/ Carolyn Flynn
Carolyn Flynn, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board