

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Dan Severson for Representative Committee (#15540);

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative Dan Severson hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2004, the Dan Severson for Representative Committee (“the Committee”) accepted \$6,125 in contributions from special sources. The special sources include individuals who contributed in excess of \$250 from whom the Committee accepted \$400, registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$300, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$5,425. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$425 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$5,700. The amount of the excess contributions was not returned to the contributors within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. In a letter received on February 17, 2005, Deborah Armstrong, treasurer, indicated that the committee exceeded the contribution limit by \$425 and stated, "We acknowledge the fact that we did exceed the \$5,700 limit on contributions from special sources that a candidate for House of Representatives can accept during an election year."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on January 11, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Dan Severson for Representative Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A. 27, subd. 11, in calendar year 2004.

5. Representative Severson hereby agrees to return to donors of the contributions, described in paragraph one, an amount sufficient to bring the committee in compliance with Minn. Stat. 10A.27, subd. 11. Copies of the checks and the accompanying letters returning the contributions 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 \$425, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the excess amount is not returned as specified in paragraph 5 above, or the civil penalty of \$425 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then Representative Severson will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minn. Stat. §§10A.28 and 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$850 or 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) \$1,275 or 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) \$1,700 or 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 Representative Severson 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. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.


Representative Dan Severson

Dated: 13 APR 2005

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 
Terri Ashmore, chair

Dated: April 14, 2005

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