

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Committee for (Sondra) Erickson (#14863);

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

1. The Committee for (Sondra) Erickson (“the Committee”) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Sondra Erickson. During 2010, the Committee accepted aggregate contributions from party units in the amount of \$5,125. This amount exceeds the \$5,000 election year limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees, set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 2, by \$125. The \$125 excess was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. Stephanie Collins, treasurer, responded to a routine reconciliation audit regarding a \$125 in-kind contribution from a party unit that was not disclosed in 2010. In a letter dated August 8, 2011, she explains “After some research of this contribution we discovered an in-kind contribution

for \$125...for a list on July 23, 2010.” Notification of the in-kind contribution was sent on the same date to a personal email address for the Candidate that was no longer valid.

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 December 8, 1997.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively-excessive contributions from political party units in calendar year 2010 resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 10A.27, subdivision 2.

5. The Committee has returned \$125 to a political party unit that contributed to the Committee in calendar year 2010. A copy of the check and the accompanying letter returning the excess amount was provided to the Board.

6. The Candidate agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$125, 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. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$125 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$125 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 failure to pay the civil penalty of \$125 within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

9. 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: 9/12/2011  
Representative Sondra Erickson

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By  Dated: September 6, 2011  
John Scanlon, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board