

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Michael) Paymar Volunteer Committee (#13406);

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

1. During 2005, the (Michael) Paymar Volunteer Committee ("the Committee") accepted cumulatively excessive contributions of \$175 from an individual that in total exceeded the contribution limit by \$75. The 2005 non-election year contribution limit for a House of Representative candidate was \$100, as set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause a (5). The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. In a letter dated April 7, 2006, the Candidate states, "...I send out one fundraising letter a year and last year I sent out two which could have led to confusion by the contributor and an inadvertent acceptance of two checks. There clearly was no intent to violate campaign finance rules."
3. Board records show that this is the second calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of cumulative contributions that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on January 16, 1996.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively excessive contributions from an individual resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1 (a), clause 5, in calendar year 2005.

5. The Committee agrees to return \$75 to the individual who made the cumulatively excess contribution. Copies of the check and the accompanying letter returning the excess amount 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 \$150, two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$150 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that copies of the check and accompanying letter returning the contributions, payment of the civil penalty of \$150, 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 if the civil penalty of \$150 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$225 which is three 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) \$300 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

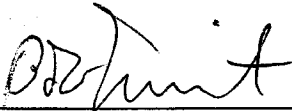
9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11 and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.



Representative Michael Paymar

Dated: 5-23-06

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Bob Milbert, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: 5/30/06