

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Ann) Lynch for Senate Committee (#16379);

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

1. The (Ann) Lynch for Senate Committee (“the Committee”) is the principal campaign committee of Ann Lynch. During 2010, the Committee accepted aggregate contributions from party units and a terminating principal campaign committee in the amount of \$5,200. This amount exceeds the \$5,000 election year limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees to a candidate for senate, set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 2, by \$200. The \$200 excess was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated August 15, 2011, Ann Lynch, states “We inadvertently accepted a check from [a terminating principal campaign committee] and recorded it as a personal check... This was an oversight on our part and we regret the error.”

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 January 18, 2006.
4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively excessive contributions from political party units and a terminating principal campaign committee in calendar year 2010 resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 10A.27, subdivision 2.
5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$200 to party units that contributed to the Committee in calendar year 2010. A copy of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount must be provided to the Board within 30 days after the date this conciliation agreement is signed by both parties.
6. The Candidate agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$200, 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 \$200 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 \$200 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 \$200 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: 9/19/11
Ann Lynch

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 
_____ Dated: September 6, 2011
John Scanlon, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board