

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Patricia Torres Ray for State Senate committee (16418);

1. Patricia Torres Ray for State Senate is the principal campaign committee of Senator Patricia Torres Ray. The committee's 2019 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a \$500 contribution received from Joint Council 32 DRIVE, a political fund. The committee's 2020 pre-primary report disclosed a second contribution of \$1,000 received from Joint Council 32 DRIVE in January 2020 and the return of a contribution in the amount of \$500 to Joint Council 32 DRIVE in July 2020. The total amount received exceeded the individual contribution limit during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment, which for a candidate for state senate was \$1,000. The amount that the committee received in excess of the limit was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. The committee's treasurer, Ann Stokke, stated that she did not realize the committee had accepted contributions in excess of the \$1,000 limit until she began preparing the committee's 2020 pre-primary report. Ms. Stokke provided documentation showing that Joint Council 32 DRIVE deposited a check refunding the \$500 excess in August 2020.
3. The parties agree that the committee accepted contributions in excess of the individual contribution limit in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment. This is the committee's first violation of the individual contribution limit.
4. To avoid similar violations in the future, the Torres Ray committee agrees that it will ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt.
5. The Torres Ray committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$500, the amount of the violation, for accepting contributions in excess of the individual contribution limit. Of this amount, \$125 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$375 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2023. If the committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2023, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2023, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

6. If the committee 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/ Patricia Torres Ray
Senator Patricia Torres Ray
Patricia Torres Ray for State Senate

Dated: January 15, 2021

/s/ Gary Haugen
Gary Haugen, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: January 8, 2021