

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

**CONCILIATION  
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Todd Podgorski for State Senate Committee (Reg. No. 17949);

1. A routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Todd Podgorski for State Senate committee's 2016 pre-primary-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures identified a contribution which, as reported, constituted a violation of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A.
2. The Todd Podgorski for State Senate committee (the Committee) reported that, on April 7, 2016, it received a \$500 contribution from the Pipe Fitters Local 539. Pipe Fitters Local 539 is a political fund registered with the Board. April 7, 2016, was during the 2016 regular session of the Minnesota legislature, a time when the Committee was prohibited from soliciting or accepting contributions from political funds.
3. In an email to the Board on August 18, 2016, the Committee confirmed the contribution and informed the Board that the contribution was a mistake that resulted from the Committee soliciting the contribution during the prohibited period.
4. The Committee returned the prohibited contribution on August 18, 2016. This date is more than 90 days after the contribution was deposited, therefore the return of the contribution did not clear the violation.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, Todd Podgorski (the candidate) and the Committee agree that they will:
  - a. Screen mailing and phone lists used for fundraising to ensure that lobbyists, political committees, and political funds are not solicited for contributions during the regular session of the legislature;
  - b. Return contributions from political committees, political funds, associations not registered with the Board, and lobbyists during regular sessions of the Minnesota legislature;
  - c. Continue to file reports with the Board using the Campaign Finance Reporter software; and,
  - d. Ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt and runs and reviews a batch compliance report after each data entry session. Contributions reviewed and entered within this timeframe will allow the committee to detect violations of the

campaign finance laws and also provide the committee with 30 days to return a contribution to its source before it is deemed accepted.

6. The candidate agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 against the candidate for soliciting and accepting a contribution from a political fund in violation of Minnesota Statute section 10A.273, subdivision 1. A payment of \$125 is due within 30 days of the date this agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$375 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2018. If the Committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2018, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is due immediately. If the Committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2018, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is waived.

7. If the candidate or 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/ Todd Podgorski Dated: 9/8/16  
Todd Podgorski  
Todd Podgorski for State Senate

/s/ Jeff Sigurdson Dated: 9/7/16  
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of September 7, 2016

/s/ Daniel Rosen  
Daniel N. Rosen, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board