

December 18, 2010

The Campaign Finance Support Team
Colorado Secretary of State

Dear Sirs:

In response to your ruling on the penalty assessed on me as a "volunteer" citizen for the "Save Our Shelter" Committee Campaign. I think it only fair to explain my position and circumstances on this issue.

The only two mistakes I made was volunteering my services to the animal shelter as Treasurer and being honest about the date on the contributor's check of 10/8/10. As you stated in your ruling, "Ignorance of filing requirements is not good cause", but at the time I reported the amount on 10/8/10 I felt I was doing it in the correct manner by meeting the 11/1/10 due date. With a comment like that, I'm defending my position further. I was concerned about the filing process and contacted the Secretary of States office on several occasions to question the filing process. I was never informed of this ruling until after I reported it and it showed up as a late filing. I was told that if all contributions and expenditures were reported by the 11/1/10 due date, I was in compliance

This campaign consisted of "attempting" to pass a mill levy for support of the Conour Animal Shelter in Monte Vista, Colorado. The mill levy ballot issue "failed" by 600 votes. During the time the report was to be made by the contributors of the project, all extra time was devoted to campaign signage throughout the county. I certainly did not have an attorney or a professional campaign manager that knew of these deadlines and to inform me of the entire dos and don'ts connected to a campaign.

The animal shelter (losing the mill levy) does not have the funds to pay this penalty nor do I, being the "volunteer" Treasurer of the mill levy campaign. My best decision is to resign my position at the animal shelter and let someone else worry about our furry friends that need care and a good home. If I had the \$800, I would have donated it to the shelter long ago.

I'm really frustrated and don't understand the importance of the time element or the reporting of the contributions! I was not trying to deceive or corrupt anything connected with our campaign or your office.

I must say, it would be more constructive to encourage "volunteers" than to penalize them in doing a community service.

I will wait for your decision on this matter before turning in my resignation to the animal shelter board.

Concerned and confused in Monte Vista, Colorado, I remain.



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