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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

2013 NOV 12 At this Settlement agreement is entered into by Jonathan R. Motl, in his official capacity as the current Montana Commissioner of Political Practices (hereinafter "the Commissioner") and the following party: John Vincent (hereinafter "the Respondent").

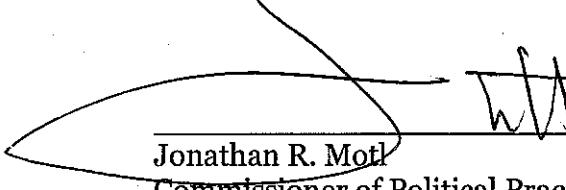
Montana law authorizes the Commissioner to file an action in district court in order to seek a civil penalty for violation of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws and rules, §§13-37-124 and 13-37-128 Mont. Code Ann. In order to avoid litigation, the Commissioner and the Respondent enter into this agreement to resolve this matter.

1. The Commissioner acknowledges that Mr. Vincent filed a Campaign Finance and Practices Complaint against himself for violation of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws on February 5, 2013.
2. To the Commissioner's knowledge, this is the first instance of a candidate filing a complaint against himself with the Commissioner's office. By filing the Complaint, Mr. Vincent invited full investigation of the facts, cooperated with the investigation, and subjected himself to penalty for his violation. These actions by Mr. Vincent are noted and appreciated by the Commissioner.
3. The Commissioner acknowledges that Ms. Hendry filed a Campaign Finance and Practices Complaint against the Respondent for violation of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws on February 25, 2013.
4. On June 26, 2013 the Commissioner issued a Summary of Facts, Statement of Finding of Sufficient Evidence to Show a Violation of Title 13, Chapters 35 or 37, the Commissioner's cause numbers COPP-2013-CFP-0006 and 0009 (hereinafter "June 27, 2013 decision"). The June 27, 2013 decision determined that the Respondent failed to comply with certain campaign finance and practices laws and administrative regulations.
5. The Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands the Commissioner's decision issued in the above referenced cause.
6. The Respondent acknowledges the findings of fact contained in the decision, and admits to having late filed his campaign finance report that was due on November 26, 2012 on February 5, 2013.

7. The Respondent acknowledges that having late filed his campaign finance report constitutes a violation of his obligation to timely file reports with the Commissioner's office (§13-37-226 Mont. Code Ann.).
8. The Commissioner indicated in the June 26, 2013 decision that mitigation is appropriate in this matter, and that the principle would be applied to the amount of the fine negotiated between the Commissioner and the Respondent. The Commissioner has applied the principle of mitigation to his consideration of the amount of the civil fine in this matter.
9. The Commissioner and the Respondent agree that execution of this settlement agreement by both parties, together with a payment of a civil fine in the amount of \$100.00 by the Respondent, fully and finally resolves all of the issues as set forth in the June 26, 2013 decision.
10. Simultaneously with the return of the executed settlement agreement the Respondent will remit to the Commissioner \$100.00, on a check made out to: "Commissioner of Political Practices" and mailed to the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices, 1205 8th Avenue, P.O. Box 202401, Helena, Montana, 59620.
11. In consideration of payment of the civil fine referenced above, the Commissioner agrees not to pursue any further administrative or court proceedings against the Respondent or other persons that may be named or unnamed in the June 26, 2013 decision, based on the matters discussed in the June 26, 2013 decision.
12. The Respondent enters into this agreement to avoid litigation and to resolve and settle all disputes with the Commissioner. It is understood and agreed that the payment of the civil fine referenced above and execution of this settlement agreement by the Respondent is accepted as the sole consideration for full satisfaction and compromise of what may be disputed claims.
13. The Commissioner and the Respondent fully and forever release and discharge each other and their respective officials, officers, members, employees, successors, assigns, agents, ostensible agents, attorneys, and representatives from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, demands, expenses, damages or injuries, whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of the matters investigated by the Commissioner and summarized in the June 26, 2013 decision.

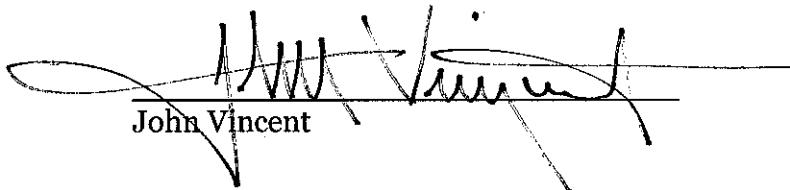
14. The Commissioner and the Respondent agree that the executed Settlement Agreement is a public document and will be made available to members of the public.

15. This settlement agreement, consisting of 3 pages, sets forth the entire agreement that has been reached between the Commissioner and the Respondent. No modification or amendment of this agreement will be effective unless both parties complete a subsequent written statement that is signed by both parties.



Jonathan R. Motl
Commissioner of Political Practices

11-13-2013
Dated



John Vincent

November 7, 2013
Dated