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Wisconsin Ethics Commission

In the Matter of)
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Committee ID: 0106573) **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**
Angie Sapik for Assembly) Case # 2024-3175

This agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority granted in WIS. STAT § 19.49(1)(b), for the purpose of settling a potential action for a violation of WIS. STAT. §§ 11.0103(1)(a), 11.1101, 11.1101(4)(f), and 11.0204(1)(a)6. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. That, at all relevant times, Angie Sapik for Assembly was a registered campaign finance committee with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission ("the Commission").
2. That Angie Sapik for Assembly registered as a candidate committee for Angie Sapik who was a candidate for Wisconsin State Assembly on 11/08/2022.
3. That Angie Sapik for Assembly filed the Fall Pre-Election 2022 campaign finance report with a beginning balance of \$13,888.16, total receipts of \$250,111.75, and total expenses of \$218,587.36, for a calculated ending balance of \$45,412.55.
4. That Angie Sapik for Assembly self-reported an ending cash balance of \$29,794.28 on the Fall Pre-Election 2022 report.
5. That the calculated ending balance and self-reported ending balance on the Fall Pre-Election 2022 report differ by a discrepancy of \$15,618.27.
6. That Angie Sapik for Assembly amended the January Continuing 2023 campaign finance report on October 28, 2024, with a beginning balance of \$29,794.28, total receipts of \$11,6500, and total expenses of \$11,6508.06, for a calculated ending balance of \$29,786.22.
7. That Angie Sapik for Assembly self-reported an ending cash balance of \$29,454.72 on the January Continuing 2023 report.
8. That the calculated ending balance and self-reported ending balance on the January Continuing 2023 report differ by a discrepancy of \$331.50.
9. That Angie Sapik for Assembly previously had a reported ending balance of \$29,454.72 and the following July Continuing 2023 campaign finance report had a beginning balance of \$31,027.61. This deviation resulted in a discrepancy amount of \$1,572.89.
10. That WIS. STAT. § 11.0103(1)(a) provides:

REPORT MUST BE COMPLETE.

11.0103(1)(a) Each committee and conduit required to register under this chapter shall be subject to the reporting requirements applicable to that committee or conduit. Each committee and conduit

required to file a report under this chapter shall make a good faith effort to obtain all required information.

11. That WIS. STAT. § 11.0204(1)(a)6 provides:

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

(a) Each candidate, through his or her candidate committee, shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the commission and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, disbursements, and obligations received, made, and incurred by the candidate committee. The candidate committee shall include in each report the following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report:

6. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period.

12. That Angie Sapik for Assembly's failure to account for the cash balance discrepancies was a violation of WIS. STAT. §§ 11.0103(1)(a) and 11.0204(1)(a)6.
13. That Angie Sapik for Assembly was notified of the Fall Pre-Election 2022 and January Continuing 2023 cash balance discrepancies on 07/10/2023.
14. That the 07/10/2023 notification explained that Angie Sapik for Assembly had 30 days to resolve both cash balance discrepancies without a forfeiture.
15. That Angie Sapik for Assembly failed to resolve the cash balance discrepancies by 08/09/2023.
16. That Angie Sapik for Assembly was notified of the July Continuing 2023 cash balance discrepancies on 01/04/2024.
17. That the 01/04/2024 notification explained that Angie Sapik for Assembly had 30 days to resolve the July Continuing 2023 cash balance discrepancy without a forfeiture.
18. That Angie Sapik for Assembly failed to resolve the July Continuing 2023 cash balance discrepancy by 02/03/2024.
19. As of 02/10/2025, Angie Sapik for Assembly has not been able to fully resolve the discrepancies.
20. That, pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 11.1400, the maximum forfeiture for cash balance discrepancies is \$500.00 per violation.
21. That WIS. STAT. § 11.1101(4)(e), in pertinent part, provides:
 - (4) OTHER PERSONS. A person, other than a person subject to sub. (1), (2), or (3) or s. 11.1112, may contribute to a candidate committee no more than the following amounts specified for the candidate whose nomination or election the committee supports:
 - (f) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$1,000.
22. That WIS. STAT. § 11.1103, in pertinent part, provides:

(2) For an individual who is a candidate for an office that the individual does not hold, the limits under s. 11.1101 (1) to (4) apply as follows:

(a) For an individual seeking election to an office at the general election, from the date on which the individual becomes a candidate to the December 31 immediately after the election.

23. That Angie Sapik for Assembly received the following contributions on the following dates:

Receiving Committee	Contributor Name	Contribution Date	Contribution Amount
Angie Sapik for Assembly	Fix the System Wisconsin Action (dba Democracy Fou	11/11/2022	\$2,000.00

24. That Angie Sapik for Assembly's acceptance of the contributions listed above was a violation of WIS. STAT. § 11.1101(4)(f).

25. That WIS. STAT. § 11.1110(2) provides:

(a) Except as provided in par. (b), the subsequent return of a contribution deposited contrary to law does not constitute a defense to a violation.

(b) A committee that accepts a contribution contrary to law, reports that contribution, and returns that contribution within 15 days after the filing date for the reporting period in which the contribution is received does not violate the contribution or source limits under this subchapter.

26. That pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 11.1110(2), the subsequent return of a contribution does not constitute a defense to a violation except where the contribution is accepted, reported, and returned within 15 days after the filing date for the reporting period in which the contribution is received.

27. That the above-referenced contributions were received during the periods covered in the January Continuing 2023 report, which was due on 01/17/2023.

28. To avoid a violation Angie Sapik for Assembly must have returned the excess contributions within 15 days after the filing date in which the excess contribution was received.

29. That Angie Sapik for Assembly did not issue refunds to the above-referenced donors within 15 days of the filing date in which the excess contributions were received.

30. That, pursuant to the standard settlement schedule adopted by the Commission in WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH 26.02(9), the standard settlement offer for exceeding contribution limits is a settlement in the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limits.

31. That, at its meeting on 12/12/2023, consistent with past precedent, the Commission authorized staff to issue settlements for unresolved cash balance discrepancies in the amount of:

1. \$100.00 + 30% of the discrepancy, or \$500.00 pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 11.1400.

2. \$100.00 + 30% of the discrepancy, or \$199.45.

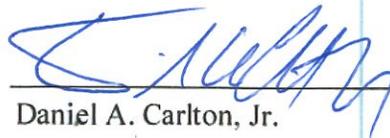
3. \$100.00 + 30% of the discrepancy, or \$500.00 pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 11.1400.
32. That, pursuant to the standard settlement schedule adopted by the Commission in WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH § 26.02(8), the standard settlement schedule for cash balance discrepancies resolved more than 30 days after notification is:
 1. \$100.00 + 10% of the discrepancy, or \$500.00 pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 11.1400.
 2. \$100.00 + 10% of the discrepancy, or \$133.15.
 3. \$100.00 + 10% of the discrepancy, or \$257.29.
33. That Angie Sapik for Assembly and the Commission agree to settle potential action for violation of WIS. STAT. §§ 11.0103(1)(a) and 11.0204(1)(a)6 if Angie Sapik for Assembly pays:
 1. \$2,199.45 if Angie Sapik for Assembly is unable to resolve the discrepancies. Upon receipt of this executed settlement agreement, staff will an adjusting entry to resolve the cash balance discrepancy.
 2. \$1,890.44 if Angie Sapik for Assembly resolves the discrepancies.
34. That Angie Sapik for Assembly accepts the terms of the settlement offer.
35. That Angie Sapik for Assembly has paid the appropriate amount in Paragraph 33 in settlement of this matter.
36. That this Settlement Agreement only covers cash balance discrepancies on the Fall Pre-Election 2022, January Continuing 2023 and July Continuing 2023 reports, contribution limit violations for the 2022 Fall Election. Additional cash balance discrepancies, contribution limit violations, or incomplete campaign finance reports in subsequent required reports are subject to further action.



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Signature
Candidate/Treasurer
Angie Sapik for Assembly

DATE



6/12/25

Daniel A. Carlton, Jr.
Commission Administrator
Wisconsin Ethics Commission

DATE