City of Seattle
Ethics and Elections Commission

October 31, 2014

Abbot Taylor, Treasurer
Yes for Early Success
PO Box 30005
Seattle, WA 98113

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On October 22, 2014, Yes for Early Success (the "Committee") received a contribution of $50,000. Receipt of that contribution was required to be reported no later than 4:30 p.m. the next business day. It was not reported until October 24, 2014. I am imposing a $10 late-filing penalty, the maximum allowed by law.

FACTS

The Special Reporting period begins 21 days before the election. For the 2014 General Election, the Special Reporting period began on October 14. During this period committees must file special reports of contributions of $1,000 or more no later than the next business day after receipt. *SMC 2.04.265.*

On October 22, 2014 the Committee received a contribution of $50,000. The contribution was deposited the same day. On October 24, the Committee filed a C-3 reporting the contribution. A Special Report of this contribution was not filed.

LATE FILING PENALTIES

The Elections Code authorizes me to assess penalties of $10 per day for each day that a report is late filed. *SMC 2.04.330.B.1.* For reporting receipt of a contribution of $1,000 or more one day late during the 21 days before the election, I am imposing a penalty of $10.

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RIGHT TO APPEAL

You may appeal this decision by submitting to this office, by 4:00 p.m., November 14, 2014 a written request for appeal, pursuant to the Commission's Administrative Rule 4.[1]

ACTION TO TAKE

No later than November 14, 2014, deliver a payment to the Commission at 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4010, P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729, or your request for appeal.

CONCLUSION

A major purpose of the Seattle Elections Code is to give the public timely access to information regarding all contributions and expenditures made supporting or opposing City candidates and ballot measures. The Committee's delay in reporting inhibited this purpose, and therefore I am compelled to impose this penalty.

If you have any questions, please call me at 684-8577.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Barnett
Executive Director

cc: Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission
Phil Stutzman, Public Disclosure Commission

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[1] Rule 4 APPEALS

A. Upon the written request of a party aggrieved by the Executive Director's decision to dismiss a complaint, or to impose late-filing penalties under SMC 2.04.330, the action may be reviewed by the Commission.

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C. An appeal of late-filing penalties shall be served at the Commission's office no later than 14 days after the date of mailing the decision of which review is sought.

D. A request for review shall state the grounds therefor, and shall be no longer than twelve 8-1/2'' x 11" double-spaced pages in length with margins of at least 1" on every side, and no more than 12 characters per inch.