

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD
CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Anthony) Cornish for State Representative (#15641):

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“the Board”) and Representative Anthony Cornish hereby agree as follows:

1. Anna Cornish, treasurer, notified the Board by letter received March 2, 2004, that the (Anthony) Cornish for State Representative committee accepted a facially excessive contribution from the House Republican Campaign Committee (#20010) during calendar year 2003. The total amount of this contribution exceeded by \$2,000 the applicable \$1,000 contribution limit, as set out in Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 2. The excess amount of the contribution was not returned to the contributors within 60 days as required in Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. In her March 2, 2004, letter Anna Cornish stated “I am so sorry to say that I accepted a \$3,000 contribution from the Minnesota Republican Caucus. At that time of receiving the contribution, I didn’t think to check it against donor limits, as it was from the Republican Caucus...Upon learning of this error, I sent the caucus a \$2,000 reimbursement check, to make the total contribution

\$1,000.” The House Republican Campaign Committee provided the Board with a copy of the check that returned the excess contribution.

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Anthony Cornish for State Representative committee reported acceptance of contributions in excess of the applicable political party limit. The Anthony Cornish for State Representative committee registered with the Board on April 4, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Anthony Cornish for State Representative Committee accepted a facially excessive contribution from the House Republican Campaign Committee in calendar year 2003 resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd 2.

5. The Board imposes a civil fine of \$2,000, one times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

6. Anna Cornish hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$2,000 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair. It is agreed by the parties that copies of the checks returning the contributions, payment of the civil fine of \$2,000, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subds. 3 and 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil fine is not paid in the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then Representative Anthony Cornish will be personally liable to pay a civil fine, under Minn. Stat. §§10A.28 and 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$4,000 or two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$6,000 or three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

(c) \$8,000 or four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

8. It is further understood that a copy if the civil fine is not paid as agreed within the times specified in paragraphs 6 and 7 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Representative Cornish and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.

Representative Anthony Cornish

Dated: June 5, 2004

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By _____
Wil Fluegel, Chair

Dated: June 15, 2004