

# TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF  
C. K. STEVENSON,  
RESPONDENT

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BEFORE THE  
TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION  
SC-260385

## ORDER and AGREED RESOLUTION

### I. Recitals

The Texas Ethics Commission (the commission) met on September 21, 2006, to consider sworn complaint SC-260385. A quorum of the commission was present. The commission determined that there is credible evidence of a violation of section 252.001 of the Election Code, a law administered and enforced by the commission. To resolve and settle this complaint without further proceedings, the commission proposes this resolution to the respondent.

### II. Allegation

The complaint alleges that the respondent failed to properly appoint a campaign treasurer.

### III. Facts Supported by Credible Evidence

Credible evidence available to the commission supports the following findings of fact:

1. The respondent is a candidate for county constable.
2. The evidence indicates that the respondent filed an application for a place on the ballot on January 4, 2006, but did not file a campaign treasurer appointment until February 17, 2006.
3. The evidence indicates that the respondent accepted no political contributions and made no political expenditures prior to filing a campaign treasurer appointment.

### IV. Findings and Conclusions of Law

The facts described in Section III support the following findings and conclusions of law:

1. Each candidate shall appoint a campaign treasurer. ELEC. CODE § 252.001.

2. A candidate means a person who knowingly and willingly takes affirmative action for the purpose of gaining nomination or election to public office. An example of affirmative action includes filing an application for a place on the ballot. ELEC. CODE § 251.001(1).
3. On January 4, 2006, the respondent applied for a place on the ballot and became a candidate for constable. Thus, the respondent was a candidate no later than that date.
4. The respondent did not file a campaign treasurer appointment until February 17, 2006.
5. Therefore, there is credible evidence of a violation of section 252.001 of the Election Code.

### **V. Representations and Agreement by Respondent**

By signing this order and agreed resolution and returning it to the commission:

1. The respondent neither admits nor denies the facts described under Section III or the commission's findings and conclusions of law described under Section IV, and consents to the entry of this order and agreed resolution solely for the purpose of resolving this sworn complaint.
2. The respondent consents to this order and agreed resolution and waives any right to further proceedings in this matter.
3. The respondent acknowledges that each candidate shall appoint a campaign treasurer. The respondent agrees to comply with this requirement of the law.

### **VI. Confidentiality**

This order and agreed resolution describes a violation that the commission has determined is neither technical nor *de minimis*. Accordingly, this order and agreed resolution is not confidential under section 571.140 of the Government Code and may be disclosed by members and staff of the commission.

### **VII. No Sanction**

After considering the seriousness of the violation described under Sections III and IV, including the nature, circumstances, and consequences of the violation, and after considering the sanction necessary to deter future violations, the commission imposes no civil penalty for the violation described under Sections III and IV.

### **VIII. Order**

The commission hereby orders that if the respondent consents to the proposed resolution, this order and agreed resolution is a final and complete resolution of SC-260385.

AGREED to by the respondent on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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C. K. Stevenson, Respondent

EXECUTED ORIGINAL received by the commission on: \_\_\_\_\_.

Texas Ethics Commission

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David A. Reisman, Executive Director