

**KENTUCKY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE  
CASE NO. 2011-190**

**In re: Campaign Fund of Steven L. Beshear/Jerry E. Abramson, a/k/a Beshear-Abramson 2011, M. Melinda "Lindy" Karns, CPA, Treasurer; Steven L. Beshear, Candidate for Governor; Jerry E. Abramson, Candidate for Lt. Governor; and Charles R. Geveden**

**ORDER**

This case came before the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (Registry) at its March 23, 2016 regular meeting, pursuant to Notice and Staff Report dated February 18, 2016. Charles R. Geveden (Geveden), by counsel, responded to the Staff Report on March 11, 2016. On March 15, 2016, the Registry's General Counsel issued a Supplemental Staff Report and Recommendations (Supplemental Staff Report). The Registry did not request any Respondent to appear at its meeting to present additional information relative to the Supplemental Staff Report, and no Respondent made an appearance at the Registry's meeting. The proceeding was transcribed and is authorized by KRS 121.120, KRS 121.140, and 32 KAR 2:040.

Having considered the Supplemental Staff Report, Respondents having received notice, and being otherwise duly advised, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the facts, legal analysis, and recommendations of the General Counsel as set forth in the Supplemental Staff Report dated March 15, 2016 are approved, adopted and incorporated by reference as part of this Order, consistent with the Registry's action at its March 23, 2016 regular meeting.

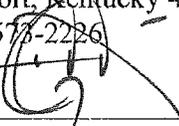
Based on the record of the case, the Registry **DISMISSES** the alleged violations of KRS 121.150(22), with respect to all named Respondents. However, the Registry **FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE** to believe that Geveden violated KRS 121.320(1), by attempting to assign amounts, to be given as campaign contributions by Justice Cabinet employees to the campaign of Beshear-Abramson 2011, based on the employees' respective salaries, and soliciting

contributions from the employees. The Registry makes no finding with respect to any suggested mitigating factor in the assessment of a civil penalty in the matter.

**THE REGISTRY, THEREFORE, ORDERS** and hereby **REFERS** the above-referenced violations of KRS 121.320(1) to the Executive Director and General Counsel to begin conciliation proceedings.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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CRAIG C. DILGER, CHAIRMAN

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This is to certify that an accurate copy of the foregoing Order was served by U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid, upon the following:

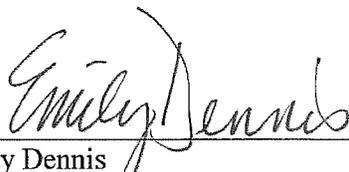
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on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
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