SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to section 4-1100 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the Board of Ethics is responsible for enforcing the Philadelphia's Campaign Finance Law, which is found at Chapter 20-1000 of the Philadelphia Code.

- 1. Friends of Jannie Blackwell is the authorized candidate political committee of Jannie Blackwell, a candidate for City Council in the May 2015 Philadelphia primary election and the November 2015 Philadelphia General Election.
- 2. Pursuant to the City's Campaign Finance Law, from May 5 through May 19, 2015, within 24 hours of accepting a contribution of \$500 or more, Friends of Jannie Blackwell was required to electronically file a campaign finance report with the Board disclosing that contribution.
- 3. During the 24 hour reporting period, Friends of Jannie Blackwell should have filed a report with the Board on May 12, 2015 disclosing eight contributions, but failed to do so. The committee did disclose the contributions in the 30 day post-primary (cycle 3) report it filed with the Board. The committee has since filed the 24 hour report it had initially failed to file. The committee has fully cooperated with Board enforcement staff in the resolution of this matter.
- 4. Friends of Jannie Blackwell's late filing of a 24 hour report with the Board violated the City's Campaign Finance Law for which Friends of Jannie Blackwell will pay a civil monetary penalty of \$1,500. Payment shall be by check made payable to the City of Philadelphia and delivered to the offices of the Board within 14 days of the effective date of the Agreement.
- 5. Friends of Jannie Blackwell releases and holds harmless the Board and its staff from any potential claims, liabilities, and causes of action arising from the Board's investigation, enforcement, and settlement of the matters described in this Agreement.
- 6. In consideration of the above and in exchange for the compliance of Friends of Jannie Blackwell with all of the terms of the Agreement, the Board waives any further penalties or fines against them for the violations described in this Agreement.
- 7. If the Board or the City is forced to seek judicial enforcement of this Agreement, and prevails, Friends of Jannie Blackwell shall be liable for attorneys' fees and costs reasonably expended in enforcing compliance with the Agreement. Fees for time spent by Board or City attorneys shall be calculated based upon standard and customary billing rates in Philadelphia for attorneys with similar experience.
- 8. The Executive Director will submit a signed copy of the Agreement to the Board for approval. The Agreement shall become effective upon approval by the Board. The effective date of the Agreement shall be the date the Board Chair signs the Agreement.
- 9. If the Board rejects the proposed Agreement, presentation to and consideration of the Agreement by the Board shall not preclude the Board or its staff from participating in, considering, or resolving an administrative adjudication of the matters described in the Agreement. If the Board rejects the proposed Agreement, nothing in the proposed Agreement shall be considered an admission by either party and, except for this paragraph, nothing in the Agreement shall be effective.

Dated: 12/17/15	By the Executive Director of the Board of Ethics: J. Shane Creamer, Jr.
Dated:	By Friends of Jannie Blackwell: Stanley Straughter, Treasurer
Approved by the Board of Ethics:	
Dated: // 20/11	Michael H. Reed