



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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January 14, 2005

Pat Carlson, Treasurer  
Tarrant County Republican Victory Fund  
1415 Ballinger  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

**Response Due Date:**  
**February 14, 2005**

Identification Number: C00406645

Reference: October Monthly Report (9/1/04 -- 9/30/04)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions totaling \$2,500 from T.K. Eng & Associates Investment Group, which appears to be a corporation. 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have received a prohibited contribution(s), you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

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If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer-out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses a negative ending cash balance of \$7,737.52. This suggests that you have either overdrawn your account, made a mathematical error, or incurred a debt. If your committee has incurred a debt or obligation, please show a zero balance on Line 8 of the Summary Page and reflect the amount and the nature of the debt on Schedule D and Line 10 or provide clarifying information. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(8)

- Schedules B and H4 of your report disclose payments for "reimburse payroll expense for S. Cecil", "Reimburse payroll taxes for 941 deposit", "repay phone exp at campaign sign bldg", "reimburse payroll expense for J. Walker", "Reimburse telephone expense" and "Reimburse cost of computer equipment" to the "TCRP Overhead Account" which appears to be a non-federal account of your committee. 11 CFR §§106.6 and 106.7 prohibits a committee's federal account from reimbursing its non-federal account for shared allocable expenses. Also, the non-federal account is prohibited from paying the federal account's share of these expenses. These types of costs must be paid according to the allocation ratio derived from the appropriate method on Schedule H1.

If the transfers in question were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If your non-federal account has paid any expenditures which should have been allocated, you are advised to correct any non-compliance with 11 CFR §§106.6 and 106.7 and establish procedures to insure future compliance with allocation regulations.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this improper allocation activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

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Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1301.

Sincerely,



Bradley Decker

Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

