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Response Due Date
01/07/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00457960

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2012 - 09/30/2012)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the runoff and general elections prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary, runoff, and general election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) These 2012 runoff election and 2012 general election amounts must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate did not participate in the runoff and general elections, any contribution received for the runoff and general elections must be returned to the donors or redesignated to the primary if your committee has net debts outstanding for the primary election. The Commission notes your additional explanation regarding the committee's corrective action taken for some of these contributions. To redesignate a contribution the committee must either (1) obtain signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) redesignate the contribution by presumption to the primary election, for undesignated contributions made after the primary but before the general election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. A

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contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i) and (5)(ii)(C))

Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund or redesignation of any runoff election and general election contribution. Refunds or redesignations must be done within 60 days after the 2012 Primary Election.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

2. The beginning cash balance of this report does not equal the ending balance of your 2012 July Quarterly Report. Please correct this discrepancy and amend all subsequent reports that may be affected by the correction. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(1) and 11 CFR § 104.3(a)(1))

3. Commission Regulations require the continuous reporting of all outstanding debts. This report omits debts itemized on your previous report(s). (11 CFR §§ 104.3(d) and 104.11) Please file an amendment to your report to disclose the current status of these omitted debts: Atchley & Associates, LLP - \$21,728.67 and RedRock Strategies - \$5,878.02.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. 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. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

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) 694-1166.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley Matheson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'B'.

Bradley Matheson
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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