

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 8, 2010

Joel Pate, Treasurer Republican Party of Florida- Federal Campaign Committee 420 E. Jefferson Street Tallahassee, FL 32301 Response Due Date: February 12, 2010

Identification Number: C00099259

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/09 - 6/30/09)

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. 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 $\underline{4}$ items:

1. On Schedule H4, your allocated activity or event year-to-date total calculations for DM-08 category are incorrect. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for administrative, voter drive, exempt activity costs and expenses for public communications made by PACs referencing only political parties are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for each separate category. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for fundraising and direct candidate support activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year geregating all disbursements during the calendar year <u>within a specific event</u>. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous event year-to-date total for that category or event. This running event year-to-date total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct event year-to-date totals.

2. Schedule H4 of your report discloses payments to Barbara Frye Scholarship Fund and Prestige Entertainment, which are categorized as Administrative expenses; however, the purposes of disbursement disclosed are fundraising. Please be advised that payments made for your committee's fundraising activities must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Please amend your report to clarify the appropriate category for this activity or provide clarifying information regarding this apparent discrepancy.

3. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "gift." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

4. Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution to Pasco County REC. However, based on the name and address of this committee, it appears that this committee has been terminated and is no longer registered with the Commission. Please amend your report to provide further clarifying information regarding this transaction.

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.

<u>Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and</u> 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) 694-1393.

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