

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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DANEA RILEY, TREASURER WOMEN FOR AMERICAN VALUES AND ETHICS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (A/K/A WAVE PAC) 2525 OCEAN BLVD. # A-2 CORONA DEL MAR, CA 92625

Response Due Date 12/08/2020

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00635664

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2020 - 06/30/2020)

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 $\underline{1}$ item(s):

- Schedule B, supporting Line 29, of your report discloses disbursements for "Non-federal contribution" totaling \$7,200.00. This transactions appear to be related to an apparent unauthorized disbursement of Committee funds. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this apparent improper use of Committee funds, any further clarifying information that you can provide will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR § 102.9, 102.15, and 104.3)

The Commission notes the Miscellaneous Electronic Submission (FEC Form 99), received 10/15/20, which the Committee stated:

"Women for American Values PAC (WAVE PAC) had two checks intercepted and fraudulently deposited. The committee's bank, Wells Fargo, refunded the PAC on July 16, 2020 for \$4,700 from a June 25, 2020 check to David Min for State Senate that was fraudulently intercepted and deposited. A \$2,500 check dated June 25, 2020 to Andrew Rodriguez Assembly was fraudulently intercepted and deposited and its reimbursement is in discussion with the bank. As a preventative measure, the PAC voided eight other checks sent out around that same time period to avoid other potential intercepted checks. The voided checks, as well as the reimbursement from Wells Fargo for the intercepted check, are reported on the October 2020 FEC report. The committee has taken steps to terminate this bank account and reopened a new bank account. The committee will also be

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monitoring ongoing transactions and the bank statements closely to ensure this does not occur again."

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your clarification and any additional clarification you may have will be taken into consideration.

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. For information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RFAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information. Should you 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) 694-1295.

Sincerely,

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