



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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January 30, 2009

Helen E. Carlin, Treasurer
Monterey County Democratic Central
Committee Federal
P.O. Box 3024
Monterey, CA 93942

Response Due Date:
March 2, 2009

Identification Number: C00419986

Reference: 12-Day Pre-General Report (10/1/08-10/15/08)

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 4 items:

1. The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 7, 11(a)(i), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 19, 20, 21(a)(i), 21(a)(ii), 21(b), 21(c), 23, 30(b), 30(c), 31 and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.
2. Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Mailing slate mailer" and "Design mailer" which is categorized as Federal Election Activity and therefore, may require the disclosure of the candidate(s) this activity should be attributed to. Expenditures and disbursements for public communications that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

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Further, please be advised that public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

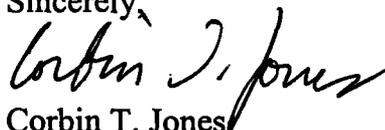
3. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H6 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Consulting Services." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

4. Please amend your report by providing the purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule(s) H6 supporting Line(s) 30(a).

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) 694-1177.

Sincerely,



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