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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 4, 2007

Anna Burger, Treasurer
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1800 Massachusetts Ave NW
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Response Due Date:
May 4, 2007

Identification Number: C00004036

Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/06-10/18/06), received 2/16/07

Dear Ms. Burger:

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 B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) to another political committee(s) for goods and/or services provided by that committee(s). 11 CFR §100.52(d)(1) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution". The usual and normal charge for services is defined as "...the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were rendered." 11 CFR §100.52(d)(2)

Please clarify whether your committee was assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you received and explain the steps the political committee(s) took in determining the amount(s) charged to you. If your committee was provided the goods and/or services at less than the usual and normal charge, the difference between the two is

considered to be an in-kind contribution by the political committee(s) to your committee and is subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §441a. (11 CFR §100.52(d)(1))

-Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to timely file one or more of the required 24 hour notices regarding "last minute" independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 24 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(c), within 24 hours of any independent expenditures of $1,000 or more with respect to a given election, made between two and twenty days before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate $1,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

-Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48 hour notices for independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 48 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(b), within 48 hours of any independent expenditures aggregating $10,000 or more with respect to a given election, made any time during the calendar year up to and including the 20th day before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate $10,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

-Your committee filed a 48 hour notice(s) informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support of Phil Hare with "MacWilliams Robinson & Partners, Inc." as the payee(s). However, the amounts and dates of public dissemination disclosed on the notice(s) do not appear to correlate with the entries disclosed on Schedule E, supporting Line 24 for the reporting period. If your committee has filed a

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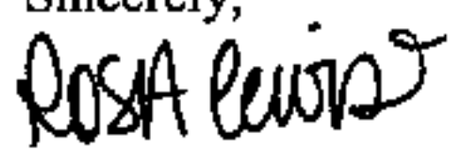
48 hour notice(s) for independent expenditures that are not reflected on your report(s), you must file Schedule E during the appropriate reporting period(s) to disclose the payments. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy and provide clarifying information.

-Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "Postage," "Postcard Printing and Postage," and "Media Production/Placement." If a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) and voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

Please note, 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) 694-1152.

Sincerely,



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24 Hour Notices Not Timely Filed

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Notice Filed	Candidate
MacWilliams Robinsons & Partners, Inc.	10/13/06	$65,540.44	TV ads air 10/24-10/31	10/26/06	Tessa Hafen
MacWilliams Robinsons & Partners, Inc.	10/13/06	$23,899.26	TV ads air 10/24-10/31	10/26/06	Tim Walz

Missing 48 Hour Notices

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	24-hour notice	Candidate
MacWilliams Robinsons & Partners, Inc.	10/11/06	$67,482.80	none	Chris Chocola
MacWilliams Robinsons & Partners, Inc.	10/11/06	$18,741.52	none	Don Sherwood

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