

April 10, 2009

Patrick Simpson, Treasurer Douglas County Democratic Party 7148 Pacific Street Omaha, NE 68106

Response Due Date: May 11, 2009

Identification Number: C00454215

Reference: Amended Statement of Organization, received 3/19/09

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 2 items:

- 1. Line 5(d) of your Statement of Organization indicates that your committee is a subordinate party committee, however, Line 5 of your Statement of Organization also discloses one or more joint fundraising participants under the Joint Fundraising Representative section, which indicates you may be a joint fundraising committee. Be advised that a joint fundraising committee is established by a political committee and one or more other political committees or unregistered organizations (known as "participants") to conduct jointly sponsored fundraising activity(s). Please amend your filing to clarify this apparent discrepancy.
- 2. Line 5(d) of your Statement of Organization indicates that your committee is a subordinate party committee. A subordinate committee is defined as the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of such political party at the city, county, neighborhood, ward, district, or precinct level. 11 C.F.R. §100.14(b) and (c) Please be advised, a party committee is a political committee which represents a political party and is part of the official party structure at the national, state, or local level. If your committee is in fact a subordinate committee, please amend your Statement of Organization to indicate which party your committee is a subcommittee of on Line 5

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) 694-1172.

Sincerely

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