

January 30, 2009

James L. Helsel, Jr, Treasurer National Association of Realtors Political **Action Committee** 430 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611

**Response Due Date:** March 2, 2009

Identification Number: C00030718

Reference:

October Monthly Report (9/1/08 - 9/30/08)

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 Failure to adequately respond by the your federal election campaign finances. response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 2 items:

- 1. Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to timely 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)
- 2. Schedule E for Line 24 of your 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/08 10/15/08) discloses apparent independent expenditures made on behalf of "Jerry McNerney" and "Ciro Rodriguez." A miscellaneous electronic submission (FEC FORM 99) filed by your committee on 10/21/08 states

"the \$591.12 in travel costs attributable to Jerry McNerney were associated with survey costs of \$42,000.00 that were originally reported on the 9/8/08 48 hour expenditure report; the \$656.34 in travel costs attributable to Ciro Rodriguez were associated with survey costs of \$42,000.00 that were originally reported on the 9/12/08 48 hour expenditure report." However, you have not amended your October Monthly Report (9/1/08 - 9/30/08) to provide MEMO entries on Schedule E to reflect these apparent independent expenditures nor have you provided the corresponding entries on Schedule D supporting Line 10. Please be advised that if a communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the independent expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule E when the communication is publicly disseminated or distributed, and on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR §104.11. Subsequently, when the payment for the independent expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule E and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable. Please amend your report(s) to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

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) 694-1157.

Sincerely,

Laura E. Sinram

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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Late 48 Hour Notice (Schedule E)

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Candidate
Peter D. Hart Research	10/15/08 <sup>1</sup>	\$591.12	Travel Costs for Survey	Rep. Jerry
Associates Inc.			Consultant (see	McNerney
Amplify Public	9/22/08	\$1,860.21	Website Design/	Rep. Jerry
Affairs LLC			Production/ Operation Cost	McNerney
National Association	9/22/08	\$250.00	Consulting Services	Rep. Jerry
of Realtors				McNerney
Peter D. Hart Research	10/15/08 <sup>2</sup>	\$656.34	Travel Costs for Survey	Rep. Ciro
Associates Inc.			Consultant (see	Rodriguez
Amplify Public	9/22/08	\$2,049.54	Website Design/	Rep. Ciro
Affairs LLC			Production/ Operation Cost	Rodriguez
National Association	9/22/08	\$150.00	Consulting Services	Rep. Ciro
of Realtors				Rodriguez

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A miscellaneous electronic submission (FEC FORM 99) filed by your committee on 10/21/08 discloses a public dissemination date corresponding to the Notice filed on 9/8/08.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A miscellaneous electronic submission (FEC FORM 99) filed by your committee on 10/21/08 discloses a public dissemination date corresponding to the Notice filed on 9/12/08.