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**Response Due Date**

**07/24/2012**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00422428

REFERENCE: AMENDED STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, RECEIVED 02/02/2012

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 1 item(s):

- Your Statement of Organization indicates that your committee is a local party committee. However, Line 6 has been left blank which indicates that your committee may not be affiliated with the "DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CA - FEDERAL". However, pursuant to 11 CFR §110.3(b) (3), all contributions made by political committees established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the State party committee and by subordinate State party committees shall be presumed to be made by one political committee.

This presumption shall not apply if the political unit in question has not received funds from any other political committee established, financed, maintained, or controlled by any party unit and the political committee of the party unit in question does not make contributions in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any other party unit or political committee established, financed, maintained, or controlled by another party unit. Further, 11 CFR §100.5(e)(4) defines a party committee as a political committee which represents a political party and is part of the official party structure at the national, State, or local level.

Please clarify whether your committee is, in fact, independent from the "DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CA - FEDERAL". Further, any affiliated committee must be identified on your Statement of Organization. If there are no other committees or organizations with which you