



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 18, 2010

Alma Gonzalez, Treasurer
Democratic Executive Committee of Florida
214 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Response Due Date:
April 22, 2010

Identification Number: C00005561

Reference: Amended August Monthly Report (7/1/09 – 7/31/09), received 12/20/09

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 5 items:

1. Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report discloses offsets to operating expenditure(s) totaling \$5,486.14 from "United States Treasury" and "Cox Communications"; however, your report(s) do not appear to disclose a disbursement to these entities. Please provide clarifying information regarding this activity and amend your report(s) if necessary.
2. Schedule H4 of your report discloses lump sum payments to "Payroll Matters" for payroll purposes; however, you have not itemized the individuals who received payment. Each person who provided services to the committee must be identified in a memo entry on Schedule H4 regardless of the amount. Please amend your report by providing the name, date, amount, and purpose for such payments as required by 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17.
3. Schedule H4 of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "Staff Reimbursement" (Maurino, Michael). Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, payment to the original vendors must be itemized as memo entries regardless of amount. Each memo entry must include the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the

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missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3

4. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Consulting/Political." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

5. Schedule H4 of your report discloses payments to "Maurino, Michael," which are categorized as Administrative expenses; however, the purposes of disbursement disclosed are "Consultant/Event Coordinator" and "Consulting/Event Coordinator." Please be advised that payments made for your committee's fundraising activities must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Please amend your report to clarify the appropriate category for this activity or provide clarifying information regarding 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) 694-1393.

Sincerely,



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