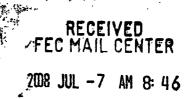
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July 2, 2008

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Identification Number: C00155366: California Association of Winegrape Growers - Federal

Reference: Mid Year Report (1/1 - 6/30/2007) and April Quarterly Report (1/1 - 3/31/2008)

Please refer to your letter dd 6/20/2008. Attached please find copies of the refund checks which will be reported in the 7/1 - 9/20/2008 as the checks were mailed today.

These refund checks will be reported as a refund of contribution and will appear on the appropriate line item.

Please let me know if any additional action is required to take care of this issue.

Sincerely,

Sandy Birkenstock

J. Richard Eichman, CPA

Enclosures: FEC Memo/Check Copies

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20#63

June 20, 2008

Richard J. Eichman, Treasurer
California Association of Winegrape
Growers - Federal
1325 J Street, Suite 1560
Sacramento, CA 95814

Response Due Date: July 21, 2008

Identification Number:

C00155366

Reference:

Mid-Year Report (1/1/07-6/30/07) and April Quarterly Report (1/1/08-

3/31/08)

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 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 item:

-Schedule A of your reports disclose contributions totaling \$2,805 from "McIntyre Vineyards," "Mendocino Winegrowers Alliance." "Scheid Vineyards," and "Wine Industry Symposium Group," and \$1,835 from "Amador Vintners Association," "Russian River Wine Road," and "Temecula Valley Winegrowers Assn.," respectively, which appear to be a corporation(s) and/or labor organization(s). 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations and labor organizations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have received prohibited contributions, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not

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used to influence federal elections. Amy request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee to transfer-out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

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) 694-1139.

Sincerely,

Nicole Della Rocco Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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