



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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July 21, 2006

Chris Steinbruner, Treasurer  
Monterey County Republican Central  
Committee Fed.  
P.O. Box 322  
Salinas, CA 93902

**Response Due Date:**  
**August 21, 2006**

Identification Number: C00389981

Reference: April Monthly Report (3/01/06-3/31/06)

Dear Mr. Steinbruner:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses a payment(s) from an organization(s) which is not a political committee(s) registered with the Commission (see attached). It appears the receipt(s) was for goods and/or services provided by your committee. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 1979-18, the sale/purchase price paid to a political committee could involve the receipt of a contribution from a purchaser if the purchase price exceeds the "usual and normal charge". The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution. Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, advertising services, membership lists, and mailing lists. 11 CFR §100.52(d)(1)

Please clarify whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you provided and explain the steps your committee took in determining the amount charged. If your committee provided the goods and/or services at more than the usual and normal charge, the difference between the two is considered to be an in-kind contribution(s) received by your committee from an unregistered

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organization(s) and is prohibited subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b).

-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Furthermore, these disbursements are not considered Federal Election Activity as described in 11 CFR §100.24. Disbursements for "FEA 100% Federal: Bank Charges - March," "FEA 100% Federal: Bookkeeping Services," "FEA 100% Federal: Office Supplies," "FEA 100% Federal: Phone Bill," "FEA 100% Federal: Volunteer Food" and "FEA 100% Federal: Volunteer Night Food" should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) B, supporting Line(s) 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Disbursement(s) for Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

-For future reporting, please be advised that only contributions to federal candidates and political committees should be itemized on a separate Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to non-federal candidates and committees should be itemized on Schedule B supporting Line 29.

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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) 694-1206.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Jaketic  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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**Receipt(s) from Unregistered Organization(s) for Goods/Services:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Taxpayers for Maldonado	3/24/06	\$2,000
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