

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Response Due Date 09/15/2022

### IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00540500

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2022 - 06/30/2022)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report 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 2 item(s):

**1.** Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached).

An individual or a political committee other than an authorized committee or qualified multi-candidate committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,900 per election. An authorized committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. A qualified multi-candidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) and (f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) and (f)); 11 CFR § 110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount.

Excessive contributions may be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the excessive portions are properly redesignated or reattributed. Guidelines for each option are provided below.

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<u>Please note that you cannot presumptively redesignate an excessive contribution</u> <u>from a multi-candidate committee</u>. Also, a contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed the committee's net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt of the contribution, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1).

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks and/or letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20(a), (b), or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of excessive contributions, your prompt action to refund, redesignate, and/or reattribute the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to be from a limited liability corporation(s) (LLC) (see attached). The Commission notes your additional explanation regarding the committee's corrective action taken for some of these contributions. 11 C.F.R. §110.1(g) allows the receipt of contributions from LLCs providing the LLC is treated as a partnership for tax purposes, and has not elected to be treated as a corporation by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Both LLCs that claim corporate status and those that are publicly traded would be treated as corporations for FECA purposes.

Please amend your report to clarify if the LLCs in question are treated as partnerships. 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 must make a refund. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1)) The refund must be made within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(2))

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If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any refund checks. Refunds must be reported on a Schedule B supporting Line 20(a) of the report covering the period in which the refund was made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, your prompt action to refund the prohibited 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. For information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RFAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information. Should you 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) 694-1338.

Sincerely,

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Brian Buhr Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

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# Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions Cory Booker for Senate (C00540500)

<b>Contributor Name</b>	Date	Amount	Election
Bright, Claudia	3/25/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Bright, Claudia	6/24/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
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Bright, Kevin	3/25/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Bright, Kevin	6/24/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Downes, Kim	1/21/21	\$1,000.00	P2026
Downes, Kim	3/29/21	\$1,000.00	P2026
Downes, Kimberly	5/6/22	\$1,000.00	P2026
Gessese, Lidiya	10/23/21	\$2,000,00	P2026
Gessese, Lidiya		\$2,900.00	
	4/10/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Kennedy, Patrick	1/28/22	\$2,900.00	G2026
Kennedy, Patrick	6/27/22	\$2,100.00	G2026
Kennedy, Patrick	1/28/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Kennedy, Patrick	6/27/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Russo, Anthony	3/20/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Russo, Anthony	6/16/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Snyder, Brian S.	6/29/22	\$2,900.00	G2026
Snyder, Brian S.	6/29/22	\$5,000.00	G2026
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Teefey, Mandy	10/21/21	\$2,900.00	P2026
Teefey, Mandy	5/27/22	\$250.00	P2026
Teefey, Mandy	5/27/22	\$250.00	P2026
Wagner, Karen E.	3/4/21	\$2,800.00	P2026
Wagner, Karen E.	3/8/21	\$100.00	P2026
Wagner, Karen E.	6/1/22	\$200.00	P2026

## **Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities**

<b>Contributor Name</b>	Date	Amount	Election
Advanced Womens Imaging LLC	5/31/22	\$2,900.00	P2026
Bagolie Friedman LLC	5/31/22	\$500.00	P2026