

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463 RQ-2

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Response Due Date 05/18/2020

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00139600

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (10/01/2019 - 12/31/2019)

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 5 item(s):

**1.** The beginning cash balance of this report does not equal the ending balance of your 2019 October Quarterly Report (7/1/19 - 9/30/19). Please correct this discrepancy and amend all subsequent report(s) that may be affected by the correction. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b))

**2.** Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash on hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year to date cash on hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b))

**3.** The totals listed on Line(s) 6(c), 11a(i), 11a(ii), 11a(iii), 11(d), 19, 20, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b))

**4.** Schedule A (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appears to be from a corporation(s). Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30118(a) prohibits

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the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation. Limited liability companies (LLCs) that choose to be treated as corporations under the Internal Revenue Service rules, or have shares that are traded publicly, are considered corporations. In the event that the LLC is treated as a partnership under IRS rules, the aforementioned contributions are to be attributed to each member in direct proportion to his or her share of the LLC's profit or by agreement of its members. Each member who has contributed in excess of \$200 for the calendar year should be identified by name, address, amount of contribution, name of employer, occupation and aggregate total on Schedule A. (11 CFR 110.1(g)(1) through (5))

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

If you have received a prohibited contribution(s), 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 used to influence federal elections. Any 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. (11 CFR (103.3(b)(1))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing the date and method of your remedy (refund and/or transfer to a non-federal account) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of refund checks and/or transfers to nonfederal account. 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 a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

**5.** Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(f) and 11 CFR §§110.1(d) and 110.2(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee

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or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

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. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive 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. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing the date and method of your remedy (refund, transfer to a non-federal account and/or reattribution) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of refund checks, transfers to nonfederal account, and/or letters reattributing the contributions in question. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

- On Schedule(s) A of your report you have disclosed a transaction(s) for \$0.00. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, only transactions with an actual

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monetary value should be itemized on your report. If the amount for this transaction(s) was entered in error, please amend your report to include the correct amount(s). (11 CFR §104.3)

- Your report discloses certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. For vour information and consideration when preparing future filings, operating expenditures should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) B, supporting Line(s) 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page and transfers to affiliated committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) B, supporting Line(s) 22 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) and FORM 3X Instructions)

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) 694-1294.

Sincerely,

Jamie Tinnie

Jamie Timmie Campaign Finance Analyst **Reports Analysis Division** 

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# Apparent Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions League of Southeastern Credit Unions Federal PAC (C00139600)

# Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities (Corporations, Labor Organization, LLCs)

<b>Contributor Name</b>	Date	Amount	Report
Florida State University Credit Union	10/25/19	\$427.00	2019 Year-End
Gold Coast Federal Credit Union	11/14/19	\$792.00	2019 Year-End

## **Apparent Excessive Contributions from Individuals**

<b>Contributor Name</b>	Date	Amount	Report
Kevin Johnson, Kevin	5/31/19	\$85.00	2019 July Quarterly
Kevin Johnson, Kevin	6/30/19	\$1,388.00	2019 July Quarterly
Kevin Johnson, Kevin	9/30/19	\$1,380.00	2019 October Quarterly
Kevin Johnson, Kevin	12/30/19	\$2,208.00	2019 Year-End