

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20467 June 26, 2003

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Jeanette Hyde, Treasurer New American Optimists Post Office Box 2068 Raleigh, NC 27602

Identification Number:

C00368613

Reference:

12 Day Pre-General (10/1/02-10/16/02), 30 Day Post-General (10/17/02-

11/25/02) and Year End (11/26/02-12/31/02) Reports

Dear Ms. Hyde:

This letter is to inform you that as of June 25, 2003 the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated June 4, 2003. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by July 16, 2003. 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, please contact Julie Perry on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division



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Reference:

30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02)

Dear Ms. Hyde:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses a transfer(s)-in from a non-federal account(s) for Administrative/Voter Drive which appears to exceed the permissible amount(s) indicated by your allocation ratio for this category. Please be advised that transfers for shared activity must not exceed the non-federal share of the joint dishutsements and that these transfers must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of this transfer(s)-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account back to your non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) 114 of your

report to clarify the following description(s): "see below". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

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Zulie Perry

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