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March 13, 2009

Christopher David Meredith, Treasurer
Louisville & Jefferson County Republican
Executive Committee
P.O. Box 24843
Louisville, KY 40224

Response Due Date:
April 13, 2009

Identification Number: C00015594

Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (11/25/08-12/31/08), received
2/18/09

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 5 items:

1. Your report(s) was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report(s) by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d) If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter (if not an electronic filer) to reflect this change.
2. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions from an organization(s), which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method

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that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible.

To the extent that your committee has received prohibited funds, 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. 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. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a 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 in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

3. Schedule D discloses \$24,090.77 in debts owed to "Louisville & Jefferson County Republican Executive Committee-Deposits should be made to non-fed acct." You are advised that 11 CFR §102.5 prohibits a non-federal account from financing activity in connection with federal elections. Please clarify whether the debts owed to the non-federal account relate to activity conducted in connection with federal elections and if so, provide the date(s) when the original activity was conducted by the non-federal account. Any payments on debts related to the election or defeat of federal candidates should be allocated accordingly and disclosed as either in-kind contributions on Schedule B supporting Line 23, or as independent expenditure or coordinated party expenditure on Schedule E or F supporting Line 24 or 25. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3) and 106.1

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Although the Commission may initiate legal action regarding the activities conducted by your non-federal account, prompt repayment of the debt and any clarifying information that you provide will be taken into consideration.

4. Your amended report discloses additional receipts totaling \$21,415.36 on Line 11(c), and additional disbursements of \$10,238.10 on Line(s) 29 of the Detailed Summary Page that were not disclosed on your original report. Please provide clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report. 11 CFR §104.3

5. Please amend your report by providing the purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule B supporting Line(s) 29. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)

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) 694-1140.

Sincerely,



Brian Bennett
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Contributor Name	Date	Amount
Downard for Council	10/29/2008	\$4,600.00
Downard for Mayor	10/27/2008	\$431.36
Ellen Call for Metro Council	10/17/2008	\$1,000.00
Robin Engel for Council	10/10/2008	\$5,000.00

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