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Response Due Date
08/16/2018

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00567784

REFERENCE: AMENDED YEAR-END REPORT (07/01/2017 - 12/31/2017), RECEIVED
02/20/2018

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 enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Your amended report discloses an increase in receipts totaling \$25,000 and an increase in disbursements totaling \$25,000 from the amounts disclosed on your original report. Please amend your report or provide clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report. (11 CFR § 104.3)

The Commission notes the memo text attached to your report stating, "This amended report discloses and in-kind contribution erroneously omitted from the original report. A donor paid a vendor directly on behalf of the Committee. A different donor made a contribution in the same amount by wire transfer on the same day. Due to miscommunication between officials of the Committee, the contributions were confused and the Committee failed to disclose both contributions. The Committee discovered the error in reconciling event expenses for its recent events and promptly filed this amendment. The Committee regrets the error and has institute procedures to ensure that it does not make a similar mistake in the future." Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your clarification and any additional clarification you may have will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3

2. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report to clarify the following description(s): "In-kind - Event Expenses"

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and "Event Fee." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(3)(i).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register can be found at <https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/purposes-disbursement>

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 additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. 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) 694-1179.

Sincerely,



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