



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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July 22, 2005

Rosanne Palacios, Treasurer  
International Bank of Commerce Committee  
for Improvement and Betterment of the Country  
1200 San Bernardo  
Laredo, TX 78040

**Response Due Date:  
August 22, 2005**

Identification Number: C00276592

Reference: Amended Statement of Organization, received 12/31/01

Dear Ms. Palacios:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Commission records indicate that your committee is a separate segregated fund; however you have checked Line 5(f) which indicates that your committee is not a separate segregated fund. Please be advised that a separate segregated fund is a political committee established, financed, maintained or controlled by a corporation, labor organization, membership organization, cooperative or trade association.

If your committee is a separate segregated fund, an amended Statement of Organization should be submitted which indicates the appropriate Type of Committee on Line 5(e). If your committee is not a separate segregated fund and there are no other committees or organizations with which you share control or financing, please indicate "None" on Line 6. Please amend your Statement of Organization to clarify this discrepancy. 2 U.S.C. §433(b) and 11 CFR §102.2

-Please clarify your relationship, if any, with International Bank of Commerce, which appears to be your connected organization. For further guidance on the question of connected organizations, please refer to 11 CFR §100.6. If your committee is a separate segregated fund, an amended

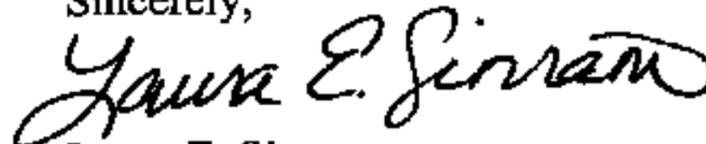
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Statement of Organization should be submitted to indicate the appropriate type of committee on Line 5(e) and to clarify the type of your connected organization on Line 6. Further, if International Bank of Commerce is your connected organization you should amend your Statement of Organization to reflect this relationship as "connected" on Line 6.

**Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** 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 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) 694-1157.

Sincerely,



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