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Jennifer Jaketic
Campaign Finance Analyst
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: C00389981 (May & June Monthly Reports)

Jennifer Jaketic:

This letter is in response to two notice requests I received from your office regarding the Monterey County Republican Central Committee's Federal monthly reports.

The first notice (attached) was in response to our May Monthly Report (4/01/05-4/30/05), and made note of one issue. There was a discrepancy between our March report's "Calendar Year-To-Date" total and June's. This discrepancy was caused due to an accounting error, and has since been remedied.

The second notice (attached) I received was in response to our June Monthly Report (5/01/05-5/31/05). The first problem with this report, was a duplicate from the previous, and was an accounting error.

The second notice also took issue with employee salary payments. Our employees do not spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity.

I trust this is adequate enough response to the issues raised regarding our reports. In the future, we will attempt to keep these types of errors to a minimum. If you have any inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 27, 2005

Chris Steinbruner, Treasurer
Monterey County Republican Central
Committee Fed.
P.O. Box 322
Salinas, CA 93902

Response Due Date:
August 26, 2005

Identification Number: C00389981

Reference: May Monthly Report (4/01/05-4/30/05)

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

-Line 6(a) of the Summary Page represents the total cash-on-hand as of January 1, 2005. This figure should be the same on all the reports covering the calendar year. Please amend your report to clarify the change made in Line 6(a).

-The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii), Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

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.

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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) 694-1206.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jaketic
Campaign Finance Analyst
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-Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Communications Manager Salary," "Executive Director Salary," "Voter Registration Coordinator Salary" and "Voter Registration Director Salary." Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal and non-federal accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used.

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Further, the Commission concluded in Advisory Opinion 2003-11 that amounts spent for employee-specific "fringe benefits," consisting of health insurance, disability insurance, life insurance, retirement benefits and payroll taxes, fall into the category of compensated time.

Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for this payment is not permissible and must be returned. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this improper allocation activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

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