

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Response Due Date 11/03/2016

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00581876

REFERENCE: JUNE MONTHLY REPORT (05/01/2016 - 05/31/2016)

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 an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following $\underline{2}$ item(s):

1. Schedule A-P of your report discloses the receipt of contributions designated for the primary election that were received after the date the candidate terminated their candidacy.

The candidate was running for the Republican nomination for President until their announcement on 5/4/16 not to seek the nomination. At this time, their status as a candidate for the 2016 Election Cycle ended. Your committee is entitled to keep all primary election contributions received prior to that announcement, and is allowed to use them in accordance with 11 CFR § 113.2. However, primary election contributions received after the date of the announcement must be refunded, except to the extent there are net debts outstanding for the campaign on the date each primary election contribution is received. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(ii))

If any of the apparent primary election contributions in question were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks. Refunds are reported on Line 28(a), (b) or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B-P of the report covering the period in which they are

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made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

2. While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) This general election amount must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate will not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors or redesignated to the primary if your committee has net debts outstanding for the primary election (see attached). To redesignate a contribution the committee must either (1) obtain signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) redesignate the contribution by presumption to the primary election, for undesignated contributions made after the primary but before the general election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i) and (5)(ii)(C))

The attached general election contributions do not appear to have been remedied. Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund or redesignation of any general election contribution. Refunds or redesignations must be done within 60 days after the candidate withdrew from the race.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

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

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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.

<u>Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports)</u> 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 more information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit <u>http://www.fec.gov/rad/</u>. 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) 694-1155.

Sincerely,

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Vicki Davis Senior Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions Kasich for America (C00581876)

Unrefunded General Election Contributions

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Allison, Elisabeth	5/6/16	\$100.00	G2016
Hachigian, Kara	5/6/16	\$42.00	G2016
Hansen, Deanna	5/6/16	\$63.80	G2016
Jackson, Linda	5/4/16	\$2,700.00	G2016
Kaufmann, Jeanne	5/6/16	\$762.25	G2016
Minor, Paige	5/10/16	\$13.50	G2016
Perenchio, Jerry	5/5/16	\$2,700.00	G2016
Ratner, Brian	5/4/16	\$2,700.00	G2016