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January 9, 2009

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

**Response Due Date:**  
**February 9, 2009**

Identification Number: C00015594

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/1/08-11/30/08)

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 4 items:

1. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions from an organization, which is not a political committee registered with the Commission (see attached). In addition, one or more of the contributions appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) precludes a political committee from receiving contributions from a person or another committee in excess of \$5,000 in a calendar year. Also, in order to make contributions to your committee, organizations which are not political 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 that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution. 11 CFR §102.5(b)

If your committee does not finance non-federal activity, the receipt of the referenced contribution(s) may violate the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b. If your committee engages in both federal and non-federal activity, either through a separate non-federal account, or one account that finances activity in connection with both federal and non-federal elections, your committee may be in violation of 11 CFR §102.5(a).

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In order to be in compliance with the Act, your committee must: 1) refund to the donor or transfer-out to a non-federal account, the amount in excess of \$5,000 within 60 days of receipt and provide written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored. And 2) determine the extent to which your committee received funds that are not permissible, and refund or transfer-out the prohibited funds.

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 funds, the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible, absent a statement from your committee 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 they are made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited and excessive contribution(s), your prompt refund or transfer-out will be taken into consideration.

2. Your report discloses activity that falls outside the reporting period. Please amend this report by including only the financial transactions that occurred between 10/1/08 and 11/24/08. Any activity occurring outside this reporting period should be included in the appropriate report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(b)

3. Your report discloses a negative ending cash balance of \$8,222.58. This suggests that you have either overdrawn your account, made a mathematical error, or incurred a debt. If your committee has incurred a debt or obligation, please show a zero balance on Line 8 of the Summary

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Page and reflect the amount and the nature of the debt on Schedule D and Line 10 or provide clarifying information. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(8)

4. Please clarify all expenditures made for "Advertising" and "Mailing" on Schedule B. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

**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,



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Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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Contributor Name	Date	Amount
Robin Engel for Council	10/10/2008	\$5,500.00
Downard for Council	10/10/2008	\$3,000.00
Downard for Council	11/05/2008	\$200.00
Kramer for Metro Council	10/10/2008	\$1,500.00
Women's Republican Club of Louisville and Jefferson County	10/23/2008	\$50.00
Downard for Mayor	10/10/2008	\$2,700.00

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