

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 28, 2013

## J MARK INMAN, TREASURER BESTPARTYUSA PAC ORG

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00542167

REFERENCE: STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Response Due Date 05/02/2013

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 5 item(s):

1. You have failed to disclose the address of your committee on your Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1). Commission Regulations require that the Statement of Organization disclose the name, address, and committee type of the committee. (11 CFR 102.2(a)(i)). Please amend your Statement of Organization to include the committee's address.

**2.** Your Statement of Organization indicates in Line 5(d) that you are a national committee for the Best Party. A national committee is defined as the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the political party at the national level, <u>as determined by the Commission</u>. (2 U.S.C. §431(14))

Please be advised that before using the contribution limits and/or statutes applicable for national parties, your committee must petition the Commission in the form of an advisory opinion to determine if it satisfies the criteria for national party status. (See Advisory Opinion 1995-16 on the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov)

**3.** Any affiliated or connected organization must be identified on your Statement of Organization. For further guidance on affiliated committees and connected organizations, please refer to 11 CFR §§100.5(g) and 100.6. If there are no other committees or organizations with which you share control or financing, please indicate "None" on Line 6. If you do share control or financing with other committees or organizations, please indicate their names,

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addresses, and relationships on Line 6. (11 CFR §102.2)

**4.** Your Statement of Organization does not identify a treasurer on Line 8. Please be advised that the treasurer's name and address should be disclosed on Line 8 of the Statement of Organization. This method of reporting would clarify for the public record the individual responsible for fulfilling the official duties of the position. Please amend your Statement of Organization to clarify this apparent discrepancy. 11 CFR §102.2(a)

**5.** Your committee failed to designate a campaign depository on Line 9. Please be advised that each registered political committee must designate a campaign depository or depositories. The committee must maintain at least one checking account or transaction account at one of the depositories. Please amend your Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1) to disclose the committee's depository. (11 CFR § 102.2(a)(1)(vi) and 11 CFR §103.2)

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.

<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. 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) 694-1162.

Sincerely,

David Butler Senior Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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