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Response Due Date

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00143743

02/23/2011

REFERENCE: AMENDED OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT (09/01/2010 - 09/30/2010),
RECEIVED 12/01/2010

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 12 item(s):

1. Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page discloses operating expenditures during the reporting period. Please amend your report to clarify whether this figure includes any disbursements to payees that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year. If this is the case, itemize the expenditures on Schedule B. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)
2. Please provide a Schedule B to support the entry reported on Line 22 of the Detailed Summary Page. Each transfer-out to an affiliated committee must be itemized on Schedule B regardless of the amount transferred. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(6)(B)(i)
3. Please provide a Schedule B to support the entry reported on Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Each contribution made to a federal candidate or committee must be itemized on Schedule B regardless of the amount contributed. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(v)
4. Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page discloses other disbursements during the reporting period. Please clarify whether this figure includes any disbursements to a payee that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year. If this is the case, please amend your report by itemizing the disbursements on Schedule B. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(4)(H)(V)
5. Line 30(b) of the Detailed Summary Page discloses disbursements for Federal Election Activity during the reporting period. Please amend your report to clarify whether this figure includes any disbursements to payees that aggregate \$200 or more in the calendar year. If this is the case, itemize the

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disbursements on Schedule B. 11 CFR §300.36(b)(2)(iv)

6. Schedule A of your report discloses in-kind contributions to your committee. Please be advised that the value of in-kind contributions must be added to the receipts and disbursements total in order to avoid either inflating or deflating the cash on hand amount, and itemized on the appropriate Schedules A and B. 11 CFR § 104.13(a)(2) Please amend your report by itemizing the in-kind contributions on Schedule B.

7. Your report discloses a payment(s) on Schedule D to "Electionmall Technologies, Inc.", "Aristotle International, Inc.", "Steve Brown Direct Mail", "Pinnacle Direct, Inc." and "Strategic Telecommunications", which has not been recorded on a disbursement schedule. Debt payments must be reflected on a Schedule B, E, F, H4 or H6 as well as on Schedule D. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5)(D)

8. Schedule H2 discloses an event called "Dallas Luncheon with Kay Bailey Hutchison" which is categorized as a fundraising event. Please be advised that a party committee cannot use the name of a federal candidate in the name of any special communications, fundraising events or advertising projects unless the name clearly shows opposition to the identified candidate. 11 CFR §102.14(a) and (b)(3). Please amend your report(s) to provide clarifying information regarding this activity.

Note, if your committee is acting as a joint fundraising representative for one or more federal committees per 11CFR §102.17, please amend your Statement of Organization to include the name of all federal committees/candidates participating in the joint fundraising effort and amend your reporting schedules, as appropriate.

9. On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the activity or event identifier for the payment made to "Butrum & Associates". Please amend your report to include this missing information.

10. Schedule H5 of your report discloses "Republican Party of Texas Fed Acct" as the name of account(s) for transfers received from an apparent Levin account. Please verify if these transfers were received from a Levin account of your committee and amend your report with any clarifying information.

11. Schedule H5 of your report discloses a \$10,304.04 transfer-in of Levin funds to your federal account for Voter Registration activity and a \$20,095.96 transfer-in of Levin funds to your federal account for GOTV activity. However, Schedule L-B supporting Line 4(a) of the Schedule L Aggregation Page for the "LEVIN V" account discloses a \$30,400 transfer(s)-out of Levin

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funds for voter registration activity. Further, Schedule L-B, supporting Line 4(c) does not disclose any transfer(s)-out of of Levin funds for GOTV activity. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

12. Schedule H4 of your report discloses activity which is 100% federal. For future reporting, please be advised that any activity which is financed entirely by the federal account (including administrative expenses), should be reported on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b).

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) 694-1141.

Sincerely,



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