



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Kinde Durkee, Treasurer
Hispanic Unity USA
601 S Glenoaks Blvd #208
Burbank, CA 91502

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Identification Number: C00345124

Reference: 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (1/1/00-2/16/00)

Dear Ms. Durkee:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a non-multicandidate political committee and its affiliates, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. Please refer to the Campaign Guide for information on how a committee qualifies for multicandidate status.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$1,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

If your committee has met the criteria for multicandidate status, please file FEC FORM 1M "Notification of Multicandidate Status" with the Commission. The treasurer must file FEC FORM 1M prior to making a contribution of more than \$1000 per candidate per election. 11 CFR

§102.2(a)(3)

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A, supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses limited payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Any such payments to a person aggregating in excess of \$200 in a calendar year must be disclosed on Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5) If these expenses are being paid by a connected organization, your Statement of Organization must be amended to reflect this relationship. 2 U.S.C. §433(b)(2) In addition, if expenses have been incurred but not paid in a reporting period, the activity should be disclosed as a debt on Schedule D, if the obligation is \$500 or more, or outstanding for sixty days or more. 11 CFR §104.11

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please verify that all expenses referenced above (i.e., rent, salaries, utilities, etc.) have been adequately disclosed. If these services have been provided by volunteers, please confirm this in writing.

-All reports filed by unauthorized political committees must be on FEC

FORM 3X. FEC FORM 3, state or non-FEC forms, or reports filed by letter are not acceptable. Your filing will not be considered complete until a report is submitted on FEC FORM 3X. 11 CFR §104.2

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew J. Dodson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Andrew J. Dodson
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Other Disbursements

Use separate schedule(s)
for each category of the
Detailed Summary Page

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FOR LINE NUMBER 21

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Hispanic Unity USA

C00345124

Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code

Purpose of Disbursement

Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Amount of Each
Such This Period

AD

Mike Honda For Congress
P.O. Box 41205
San Jose, CA 95160

Contributions

2/15/2000

\$2,500.00

Disb. For:

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

\$2,500.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

\$2,500.00

