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Response Due Date 01/02/2019

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00629147

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2018 - 09/30/2018)

### 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 enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

1. Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses contributions to a federal committee totaling \$3,300 (see attached). However; the reports filed by your Committee indicate that your Committee's federal account does not contain sufficient funds to make such contribution(s). Commission records indicate that your Committee maintains a Non-Contribution Account consistent with the stipulated judgment in Carey v. FEC

Please be advised that political committees that have established a separate bank account consistent with the stipulated order in Carey v. FEC must ensure that the non-contribution account remains segregated from any accounts used to make contributions to federal candidates and committees. See <a href="http://classic.fec.gov/pages/fecrecord/november2011/fecstatementcareyvfec.shtml">http://classic.fec.gov/pages/fecrecord/november2011/fecstatementcareyvfec.shtml</a>.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If your Committee has made a prohibited contribution you must notify the recipient and request a refund. The refund of the prohibited amount must be made within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the contribution.

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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly 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.

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

- Your report discloses certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, contributions to federal candidates and committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C §434(b)) and FORM 3X Instructions)

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. For additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. 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) 694-1176.

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Sincerely,

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# Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions CALIFORNIA FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY PAC (C00629147)

## **Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee**

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
Marin County Republican Central				
Committee	8/8/18	\$1,800.00	G2018	2018 October Quarterly
Marin County Republican Central				
Committee	8/8/18	\$1,500.00	G2018	2018 October Quarterly