

The Kennedy Majority Committee
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Ms. Kristin DeCarmine
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Dear Ms. DeCarmine:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding the Statement of Organization filed by the Kennedy Majority Committee on 7/25/06. You have questioned the use of a candidate name in the name of a political committee. You cite 2 U.S. Code sec. 432(e)(4) for the proposition that "any political committee which is not an authorized committee... shall not include the name of any candidate in its name." In previous discussions with the staff from the National Republican Senatorial Committee, FEC staff has further cited 11 CFR sec. 102.13(c)(1) in arguing that a joint fundraising committee is not an authorized committee. As outlined below, the Kennedy Majority Committee is an authorized committee and is, therefore, permitted to include the name of a candidate in the committee name.

The Kennedy Majority Committee is a joint fundraising committee established pursuant to 11 CFR sec. 102.17. Section 102.17(a)(1)(i) states specifically that a joint fundraising committee "shall be a reporting political committee and an authorized committee of each candidate for federal office participating in the joint fundraising activity." The Kennedy Majority Committee is an authorized committee of Michael Kennedy and the use of the candidate name in the committee name is appropriate.

Based on the unambiguous statement in 11 CFR sec. 102.17(a)(1)(i) that joint fundraising committees are authorized committees, we have concluded that no amendment is necessary and that the use of a candidate name is proper under Commission regulations.

Sincerely,



Douglas W. Robinson
Treasurer

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