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Dear Ms. Kang,

I am the Treasurer for the 10th Congressional District Victory Fund-Federal, and wish to respond to your "preliminary review" letter of August 16, 2000.

As our Statement of Organization notes, we have formed as an "Independent Local Committee", as defined briefly at page 9 of the FEC's "Campaign Guide for Political Party Committees" and described in depth in your Advisory Opinion 1978-9). Relying extensively upon Advisory Opinion 1978-9 as both a legal and factual "roadmap", we have taken the prudent avenues outlined therein to establish our operational structure, in compliance with 11 CFR 110.3(b). The Democratic Party, (and the four Democratic Party component parts of Lake County, New Trier Township, Northteld Township, and Wheeling Township) as it exists within the 10th Congressional District, is established by state stature. 10 ILCS 5/7-7. We have established a field office, where we conduct activities of benefit to Democratic candidates who will be voted upon by voters within the 10th Congressional District, local, and federal. The state Democratic Party did not establish, and does not finance, maintain or control this entity; we operate separate and independent in our decision-making. Working with the local party members within the 10th Congressional District and the candidate campaigns from the district, we are raising funds, state and federal, (in segregated accounts and in full compliance with the FEC rules), so that federal dollars are properly used for federal campaign purposes and state dollars are used to support a fair-share of expenses for state candidate interests. Therefore, to list our state party as an affiliated committee was not only unnecessary; it was not true. Thus, I left line 6 blank.

Per your request, I am filing an amended Statement, stating "none" in line 6, rather than leaving the line blank. It do wish to make clear that while the Committee is separate and independent from the state party, the Committee does work closely with the local party components, as set forth by statute comprising the "membership" of the 10th Congressional District: the Lake County Democratic Party; and the three Cook County township parties of New Trier, Northfield, and Wheeling. None of these four Illinois committees have federal fund components and they will not be establishing individual federal committees in this election cycle. Thus, there is no "proliferation". (Also, they, too, are statutory creations, electing officers and operating under by-laws independent from the state party, much like the lowe entities described in Advisory Opinion 1978-9.) The instructions on the lock of the FEC Statement of Organization pertaining to line 6 seem to exclude them from being listed as "all hatest committees"; rather, together they help to make up on whole, single federal committee.

Should you wish further information, or if you have another recommendation, I look forward to cooperating with you in every way. Please reach me at \$47-657-1020. Thank you.

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Michael Kreloff

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