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**Response Due Date**  
**05/16/2022**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00410753

REFERENCE: AMENDED YEAR-END REPORT (10/01/2021 - 12/31/2021), RECEIVED  
04/03/2022

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 an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to be from a corporation(s) and/or labor organization(s) (see attached). 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)) and 11 CFR § 103.3(b) prohibit the receipt of contributions from corporations and labor organizations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations.

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

If you have received prohibited contributions, you must make a refund within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1) and (2))

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any refund checks. Refunds must be reported on a Schedule B supporting Line 20(a) of the report covering the period in which the refund is made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, your prompt action to refund the

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prohibited amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached).

An individual or a political committee other than an authorized committee or qualified multi-candidate committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,900 per election. An authorized committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. A qualified multi-candidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) and (f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) and (f)); 11 CFR § 110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount.

Excessive contributions may be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the excessive portions are properly redesignated or reattributed. Guidelines for each option are provided below.

For reattributions, excessive contributions from individuals can be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount is properly reattributed to another person. Please note that reattributions only apply to excessive contributions from individuals. An excessive contribution is considered properly reattributed if (1) the contributors provide the committee with written documentation, signed by each contributor, authorizing a reattribution and indicating the amount of the contribution to be attributed to each contributor; or (2) the committee reattributes by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution if the contribution was made on a written instrument from a joint account and was signed by only one of the account holders. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributors in writing within 60 days of receiving the contribution that the committee intends to reattribute the excessive portion and must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(k)(3)(ii)(B))

For redesignations, the funds can be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the

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excessive amount is properly redesignated for a different election. An excessive contribution is considered properly redesignated if (1) the committee obtains signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election; or (2) your committee redesignates by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B)) Please note that you cannot presumptively redesignate an excessive contribution from a multi-candidate committee. Also, a contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed the committee's net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt of the contribution, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1).

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks and/or letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20(a), (b), or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of excessive contributions, your prompt action to refund, redesignate, and/or reattribute the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

**3.** While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for future elections prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and future election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) The future election amounts must be maintained in the committee's account.

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Since the candidate is not seeking office and will not participate in the 2022 general election or 2024 primary election, any contribution received for those elections must be returned to the donors, in accordance with 11 CFR § 110.1(b) (3). The use of general election contributions to pay primary debts and obligations is prohibited under the Act as such use could result in individuals making contributions with respect to the primary election in excess of the \$2,900 per election limit.

The attached 2022 general and 2024 primary election contributions do not appear to have been remedied. Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund of any general election contributions. Refunds must be done within 60 days after the candidate's announcement not to seek office/re-election.

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund. Refunds are reported on Line 20(a), (b) or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

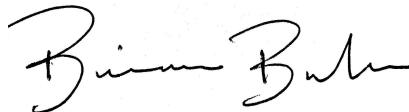
**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions 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 information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit [www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees](http://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees). For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit [www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information](http://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information). Should you 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) 694-1338.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Buhr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Buhr" clearly distinguishable.

Brian Buhr

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

**Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions  
Sires for Congress (C00410753)**

**Apparent Excessive Contributions from Individuals**

| <b>Contributor Name</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Election</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Choi, David             | 6/18/21     | \$2,900.00    | G2022           |
| Choi, David             | 11/1/21     | \$2,000.00    | G2022           |
|                         |             |               |                 |
| Perez, Medardo          | 6/18/21     | \$2,900.00    | G2022           |
| Perez, Medardo          | 11/1/21     | \$1,000.00    | G2022           |

**Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities**

| <b>Contributor Name</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Election</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Capital Grille Miami    | 11/1/21     | \$1,000.00    | P2022           |

**Apparent General 2022 and Primary 2024 Election Contributions  
Sires for Congress (C00410753)**

**2021 July Quarterly Report**

| <b>Contributor Name</b>                                                       | <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Election</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Choi, David                                                                   | 6/18/21     | \$2,900.00    | G2022           |
| Grabato, Ray                                                                  | 6/18/21     | \$2,000.00    | G2022           |
| Perez, Medardo                                                                | 6/18/21     | \$2,900.00    | G2022           |
| Sheet Metal Worker's International Association Political<br>Action League Pal | 6/18/21     | \$5,000.00    | G2022           |

**2021 Year-End Report**

| <b>Contributor Name</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Election</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Burgos, Tonio           | 11/1/21     | \$1,000.00    | G2022           |
| Burgos, Tonio           | 11/1/21     | \$1,000.00    | G2022           |
| Choi, David             | 11/1/21     | \$2,000.00    | G2022           |
| Daibes, Fred A.         | 11/1/21     | \$2,900.00    | G2022           |
| Perez, Medardo          | 11/1/21     | \$1,000.00    | G2022           |
| Quttous, Mustafa        | 11/1/21     | \$500.00      | P2024           |