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Response Due Date
06/23/2020

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00616912

REFERENCE: MID-YEAR REPORT (01/01/2019 - 06/30/2019)

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 supporting Line 17 (see attached) discloses a receipt(s) from an organization(s) that is not registered with the Commission. 52 U.S.C. §30118 (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441b) prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations. However, Commission records indicate that your Committee maintains a Non-Contribution Account consistent with the stipulated judgment in Carey v. FEC.

If the amounts in question were deposited into your Committee's Non-Contribution Account, please amend your report to disclose the item on Schedule A supporting Line 17 of the Detailed Summary Page and disclose "Non-Contribution Account" in the description field or in memo text. For more information please reference the "Reporting Guidance for Political Committees that Maintain and Non-Contribution Account" at <https://www.fec.gov/updates/fec-statement-on-carey-v-fec/>

If you have received a prohibited contribution, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing

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the date and method of your remedy (refund or transfer to a non-federal account) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of refund checks and transfers to nonfederal account for the contributions in question. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer-out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses one or more receipts totaling \$8,540 from "Square Inc." Please amend your report to clarify the nature of these receipts.

3. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 29 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Administrative" and "Event Expense." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(3)(i).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register can be found at <https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/purposes-disbursement>

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. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RFAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit 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

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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) 694-1179.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corinne Lucas".

Corinne Lucas
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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**Apparent Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions
Women Vote Smart (C00554881)**

Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities (Corporations, Labor Organization, LLCs)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
America First Policies INC	3/4/19	\$450.74	2019 Mid-Year
EventBrite	6/6/19	\$805.00	2019 Mid-Year
EventBrite	6/13/19	\$360.00	2019 Mid-Year
EventBrite	6/20/19	\$420.00	2019 Mid-Year
Joyce Properties, LLC	5/14/19	\$1,000.00	2019 Mid-Year
Republican Women of Cary	3/12/19	\$3,500.00	2019 Mid-Year
Sellars Real Estate LLC	5/28/19	\$1,000.00	2019 Mid-Year
Square Inc.	6/30/19	\$8,540.00	2019 Mid-Year
Watson's INC	5/14/19	\$500.00	2019 Mid-Year
Watson's INC	6/24/19	\$2,000.00	2019 Mid-Year
Women for America First	2/7/19	\$19,000.00	2019 Mid-Year