



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Response Due Date**09/03/2026**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00917062

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (05/21/2026 - 06/30/2026)

Dear Treasurer:

This notice 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 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 \$3,500 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); 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.

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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 authorization of a reattribution, signed by each contributor, 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 excessive amount is properly redesignated for a different election. An excessive contribution is considered properly redesignated if (1) the committee obtains signed written authorization from the contributor to redesignate 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).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by filing an amended report or Miscellaneous Document (Form 99 for electronic filers). If a remedy will be disclosed in a future reporting period, please provide the date and amount of the remedy in your response. The committee should retain records of refunds, redesignations, and/or reattributions of the contributions in

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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.

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

Since the candidate will not participate in the general election, any contributions received for the general election must be returned to the donors or redesignated to the primary if your committee has net debts outstanding for the primary election (see attached). To redesignate a contribution the committee must either (1) obtain signed written authorization from the contributor to redesignate 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) redesignate the contribution by presumption to the primary election, for undesignated contributions made after the primary but before the general 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. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i) and (5)(ii)(C))

The attached general election contributions do not appear to have been remedied. Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund or redesignation of any general election contribution. Refunds or redesignations must be done within 60 days after the 2026 Primary Election. The committee should retain records of refunds and/or redesignations of the contributions in question.

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

3. Your report(s) disclose contributions designated to the 2026 Runoff election (see attached). Since the candidate will not participate in the 2026 Runoff election, any contributions received for the runoff election must be returned to the donors or redesignated to another election, as applicable. (11 CFR §§ 110.1(b) and 110.2(b))

To redesignate a contribution the committee must either (1) obtain signed written authorization from the contributor to redesignate 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) for undesignated contributions made after the primary but before the general election, redesignate the contribution by presumption to the primary 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. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i) and (5)(ii)(C))

The attached runoff election contributions do not appear to have been remedied. Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund or redesignation of any runoff election contribution. Refunds or redesignations must be done within 60 days after the 2026 Primary Election.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to remedy 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.**

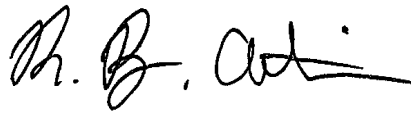
Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just

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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 (RAI), 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 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) 694-1196.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. B. Austin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bradley Austin

Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst

Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Alex Pelbath for Congress (C00917062)

Apparent Excessive Contributions from Individuals

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
McCulley, Gavin	2/10/26	\$3,500.00	P2026
McCulley, Gavin	6/8/26	\$1,033.06	P2026

Apparent General Election Contributions
Alex Pelbath for Congress (C00917062)

2025 October Quarterly Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Broach, James	8/29/25	\$3,500.00	G2026
Chief Stone 341 Ventures, L.P.	9/30/25	\$3,000.00	G2026
Hopkins, Chris	9/30/25	\$3,000.00	G2026
Pelbath, Lynden	9/30/25	\$287.11	G2026
Taylor, Christopher Hays	8/29/25	\$3,000.00	G2026

2025 Year-End Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Broach, Laura	10/28/25	\$3,500.00	G2026
Jung, Thomas J	11/18/25	\$3,500.00	G2026

2026 April Quarterly Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Hearn, Walter	2/17/26	\$3,500.00	G2026
Kennedy, James	3/24/26	\$3,000.00	G2026
Pelbath, Lynden	1/2/26	\$1,033.06	G2026

2026 12-Day Pre-Primary Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Beauchamp, Susan	4/29/26	\$123.04	G2026
Lockton, John	4/30/26	\$3,500.00	G2026

2026 July Quarterly Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Beauchamp, Susan	5/29/26	\$500.00	G2026

Apparent Runoff Election Contributions
Alex Pelbath for Congress (C00917062)

2025 October Quarterly Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Isaacman, Jared	8/25/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Keller, David	8/25/25	\$293.56	O2026, Run-Off
Bartone, Joseph	8/29/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Broach, James	8/29/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Hamilton, Ryan B	8/29/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Jung, Thomas J	8/29/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Taylor, Christopher Hays	8/29/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Prouty, Rebecca	9/1/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Greene, Matthew	9/28/25	\$143.56	O2026, Run-Off
Keller, Dawn	9/28/25	\$143.56	O2026, Run-Off
Beauchamp, Susan	9/29/25	\$123.04	O2026, Run-Off
Chief Stone 341 Ventures, L.P.	9/30/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Hopkins, Chris	9/30/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Kimball, Andrew	9/30/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Kimball, Robin	9/30/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Maddox, Christopher	9/30/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Pelbath, Lynden	9/30/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Pelbath, Timothy J	9/30/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off

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2025 Year-End Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Bartone, Jackie	10/28/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Broach, Laura	10/28/25	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Beauchamp, Susan	10/29/25	\$500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Beauchamp, Susan	11/29/25	\$500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Beauchamp, Susan	12/29/25	\$500.00	O2026, Run-Off

2026 April Quarterly Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Beauchamp, Susan	1/29/26	\$500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Copeland, Gerret	2/3/26	\$1,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Ledwell, Steve	2/13/26	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Hearn, Walter	2/17/26	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Woodall, Richard	2/25/26	\$1,665.29	O2026, Run-Off
Beauchamp, Susan	3/4/26	\$500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Korpman, Ralph	3/4/26	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Hammond, Gregory	3/20/26	\$115.70	O2026, Run-Off
Kennedy, James	3/24/26	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Beauchamp, Susan	3/29/26	\$500.00	O2026, Run-Off

2026 12-Day Pre-Primary Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Perot, Henry Jr	4/1/26	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Beauchamp, Susan	4/29/26	\$376.96	O2026, Run-Off

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Lockton, John	4/30/26	\$2,000.00	O2026, Run-Off
Lockton, John	4/30/26	\$1,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Lorber, Howard M	5/12/26	\$1,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Taylor, Chris	5/12/26	\$1,665.29	O2026, Run-Off

2026 July Quarterly Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Flory, David L	5/20/26	\$3,500.00	O2026, Run-Off
Stell, Scott J	5/20/26	\$1,500.00	O2026, Run-Off