

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Response Due Date 01/13/2020

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00301838

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2019 - 09/30/2019)

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 <u>3</u> item(s):

1. The totals listed on Line(s) 7(a), 7(c), 12, 16, 17, 21 and 22, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the election cycle-to-date totals (11/7/18 through 11/3/2020). (52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)) and 11 CFR § 104.3)

2. The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending cash balance of your July Quarterly Report. The Commission notes the memo text included with your report which states that "Due to an internal audit after the discovery of misappropriated funds, the beginning cash on hand is an estimate based upon the information the committee has at the time of this filing. The cash adjustments may change in the future depending on additional information that may present itself. Additionally, a number of disbursements list the purpose as unknown. The purpose of those can not be determined until the completion of the investigation of the former Treasurer.." Please provide any additional information regarding this discrepancy should it become available. (52 U.S.C. \S 30104(b)(1) (formerly 2 U.S.C. \S 434(b)(1)) and 11 CFR \S 104.3(a)(1))

3. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why

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each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Unknown." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement and a non-exhaustive list of acceptable purposes are available on the FEC website at http://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 additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit http://transition.fec.gov/rad/. If you should 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) 694-1132.

Sincerely,

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