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May 13, 2005



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Ms. Kim Strach Deputy Director-Campaign Finance PO Box 27255 Raleigh, NC 27611-7255

Dear Ms. Strach:

In the process of reviewing the Organizational Report for the Ken Raymond Election Committee, several items of missing information were found which are explained in the copy of the enclosed Campaign Report Discrepancy form. The treasurer has been sent this form and this office is expecting an amendment to the report sent to the Forsyth County Board of Elections within the required amount of time.

A Certification of Late Reports is enclosed as procedure requires certifying that the report was filed late. Filing late reports may result in penalties being accrued against the committee.

In accordance with North Carolina Campaign Finance Law 163-278.19, Violations by corporations, business entities, labor unions, professional associations and insurance companies, the Organizational report of the Ken Raymond Election Committee is being sent to the State Board of Elections for consideration of the contribution from the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers Union Local 7 of \$500.00. It is unlawful for any corporation, business entity, labor union, professional association, or insurance company to directly or indirectly contribute to a candidate. It is suspected that this organization may qualify under these rules. Please notify the candidate if a decision is made for refund of this contribution.

There are some restrictions of how a committee may spend their money. One of these,stated in the Campaign Finance Manual, is that all expenditures that are over \$50 may not be paid with cash and must be disclosed with the name of the payee, the address of the payee, the date of the expenditure, and the specific purpose of the expenditure. However, any expenditure for postage may be paid in cash in any amount. Two violations were noted in this report and it is also sent for consideration of the State Board of Elections. They are for Office Depot on 4-22-05 and for If It's Paper on 4-24-05. It should be noted that the committee was told that the two companies 'would not accept starter checks'.

Guidance given by Ms. Kannan was appreciated for this matter. Please notify the treasurer, Mr. John Davenport, and our office of your decisions.

Thank you,

Judy J. Speas Absentee/Campaign Reporting 336-703-2808

cc: Mr. John Davenport, treasurer
Mr. Ken Raymond, candidate
Ms. Jacqueline Kannan, Audit Specialist, SBOE
Ms. Kathie-Chastain-Cooper, Director, FCBOE
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CAMPAIGN REPORT DISCREPANCIES REPLY REQUIRED

Treasurer Committee Address

TO:

John DavenporteeKen Raymond Election Committee2441 Kingsgate DriveWinston-Salem, NC 27101

FROM: Campaign Finance Office

REPORT IN QUESTION: Organizational

DATE: 05/13/2005

A recent preliminary audit of reports filed revealed the following discrepancies. Please supply this office with the missing or corrected information in order to complete the reports. A more detailed audit of the reports listed will be conducted after the following information is provided.

This is your <u>first</u> notice. You must respond within <u>fifteen</u> days of receipt of this notice.

Failure to respond will result in noncompliance. In order to comply with the required information, the forms to amend are provided for completion. Amend only the forms required.

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The depository information was not listed on the Political Committee Disclosure Report. Addresses were either missing or incomplete. Contributions received without the contributor's complete name and mailing address that remain incomplete for forty-five (45) days are considered anonymous and must be paid over to the State Board of Elections for deposit to the general fund of the State. All disbursements must be listed by name and complete mailing address of the payee.

Joint contributions, which are prohibited, were listed on the Report of Contributions. You must determine the individual amount of contribution for each contributor.

Some or no dates were shown on the reports. A date is required for each entry.

Details were not provided for the sums listed on the Detailed Summary Page

Method of payment not provided

Contributions over \$100 are listed with "cash" being the method of payment.

Contributions over \$100 are listed as" aggregated individual contribution" (AIC).

The ending balance is negative. The Committee cannot operate on a negative balance.