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Lawrence H. Norton, Esq.
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

MUR # 5891

Re: Complaint against the Beaufort County (SC) Republican Party

Dear Mr. Norton,

This complaint is filed against the Beaufort County (South Carolina) Republican Party for failing to timely file and report their Federal Election Activity during 2006 contrary to applicable law and regulation.

A summary of the Beaufort County Republican Party's Federal Election Activity is detailed as follows:

1. The Beaufort County Republican Party placed several advertisements in local newspapers advocating the election of a federal candidate.

A cursory review of the advertisement notes, at a minimum, the lack of an appropriate disclaimer. Additionally, it is believed that these advertisements exceeded the reporting threshold requiring the Beaufort County Republican Party to file with the Commission.

2. The Beaufort County Republican Party also prepared and mailed in excess of 500 letters advocating the election of a federal candidate.

3. The Beaufort County Republican Party likewise transmitted e-mails advocating the election of Republican candidates.

4. The Beaufort County Republican Party ran extensive phone banking operations advocating, in part, the election of a federal candidate. The phone banks operated from the Northern Beaufort Headquarters used telephone lines, and facilities, paid for from the County Party's state campaign account.

5. It is also believed that the Beaufort County Republican Party made a contribution to a federal candidate from their state campaign account.

6. Additionally, the Beaufort County Republican Party printed and distributed flyers on, and prior to, election day in a format similar to their newspaper advertisements advocating the election of a federal candidate.

A review of the Beaufort County Republican Party state filings, as required by state law, should fully document their expenditures for 2006.

As a member of the Beaufort County Republican Party Executive Committee and Chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party's Second Congressional District, I encouraged the Beaufort County Republican Party Chairman to file the necessary reports with the Commission under the guidelines of the *sua sponte* submissions. Regrettably, I was unsuccessful in having the County Party fully report their Federal Election Activity for 2006.

Sadly, I must respectfully request the Commission fully investigate this matter and will gladly provide any additional information required.

Sincerely,

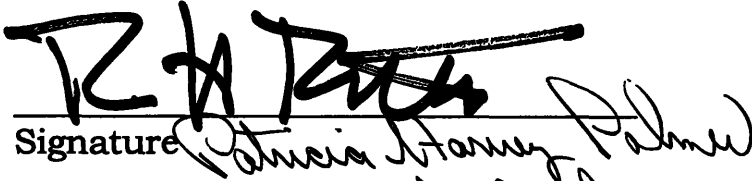
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Randolph H. Bates

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

The forgoing complaint against the Beaufort County Republican Party is subscribed and sworn to before me by Randolph H. Bates, this 20th day of December, 2006.


Signature

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: October 1, 2009

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**Beaufort County Republican Party
Attachments**

- One** *The Gullah Sentinel*, advertisement
Thursday, 2 November 2006
- Two** *Bluffton Today*, advertisement
Friday, 3 November 2006
- Three** *Beaufort Gazette*, advertisement
Friday, 3 November 2006
- Four** *Island Packet*, advertisement
Friday, 3 November 2006
- Five** *Beaufort Gazette*, advertisement
Monday, 6 November 2006
- Six** *Bluffton Today*, advertisement
Monday, 6 November 2006
- Seven** Beaufort County Republican Party letter
dated 20 October 2006 and mailed to
approximately 750 voters.
- Eight** Beaufort County Republican Party memorandum
dated 28 September 2006 detailing "Proposed
Promotion for November 7, 2006 Election."
- Nine** Beaufort County Republican Party phone script
And partial memorandum discussing phone bank
activities.

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- Ten** Beaufort County Republican Party minutes of the meeting on 28 September 2006. See page three for approval of "\$100 for all other 33 candidates." The number of candidates correlates to candidates listed in the promotional advertisements.
- Eleven** "Vote Good People for Beaufort County" Beaufort County Republican Party flyer.
- Twelve** "Compliance Reporting Manual for Local Committee's" dated 15 May 2004. This document was prepared and distributed by the South Carolina Republican Party to all county party chairmen, county party treasurers, and other members of the State Executive Committee. Additional copies were made and distributed locally by the Beaufort County Republican Party. Of note, on page seven, is the caution for local party committee's to refrain from engaging in Federal Election Activity.
- Thirteen** Beaufort County Republican Party organization chart for 2005-2006.
- Fourteen** Bates letter dated 11 December 2006 to the Beaufort County Republican Party Executive Committee noting the problem of 2006 Federal Election Activity.
- Fifteen** Bates letter and attachment dated 17 December 2006 to the Chairman of the Beaufort County Republican Party encouraging compliance and reporting of Federal Election Activity.



Vote Good People for Beaufort County



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New York to hire forensic experts

Three more victims at World Trade Center site are identified

By SARA KUGLER
The Associated Press
NEW YORK — New DNA testing has identified human remains recovered years ago from the World Trade Center wreckage as a flight attendant and passenger from American Airlines Flight 11, the first hijacked plane to crash on Sept. 11, 2001.

Remains of a third victim also have been identified, but his family asked that his name not be released, the city's medical examiner's office announced Wednesday.

The newly identified remains had been with the medical examiner's office for years, but even now, human bones are still being found at the site as construction begins at ground zero on the planned Freedom Tower.

The city announced Wednesday that it plans to hire up to 10 more forensic anthropologists to join the search for additional human remains, a project that could stretch well into next year, Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler said Wednesday.

"We will make sure we have the appropriate resources to do this job," said Skyler, who is overseeing the recovery. "The mayor's orders were very clear: 'Do what needs to be done.'"

Some victims' families say it still isn't enough.

They planned to rally at the site to call for federal intervention and an expanded search for remains at the site. The families of about 40 percent of those killed at the attack have yet to received DNA confirmation of their remains.

"Hiring extra anthropologists is a recognition that they realize the job they have to do," said Charles



President Bush holds up a cowboy hat Thursday during a rally at MetLife Arena in Billings, Mont.

Bush accuses Democrats of being soft on terrorists

By DICK BUCHHEIMANN
The Associated Press
BILLINGS, Mont. — President Bush, campaigning in a Republican stronghold for an endangered GOP senator, tried to rally his supporters Thursday by portraying Democrats as soft on terrorists and opposed to conservative judges.

Bush chided Democrats who voted against legislation to detain and interrogate suspected terrorists, the National Security Agency's eavesdropping program and the U.S. Patriot Act.

"When it comes to listening to the terrorists, what's the Democrat's answer? Just say no," Bush said, urging the audience to play along.

"When it comes to detaining terrorists, what's the Democrat's answer?"

"Just say no," the audience retorted.

"So when the Democrats ask for your vote on Nov. 7, what's your answer?" Bush asked.

"Just say no," the crowd screamed.

Bush campaigned here for Sen. Conrad Burns, a vulnerable incumbent in a tough campaign battle against Democratic challenger Jon Tester, the president of the Montana Senate. Tester was holding rallies of his own on the other side of the state Thursday and Friday with fellow Democrats

must pick up six seats to win the Senate, a taller challenge, and both parties made last-minute efforts to increase the number of competitive races. Montana was Bush's first stop on his final push to Election Day that includes stops in Nevada, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas and Florida.

The rally had the flavor of Bush's 2004 re-election campaign. Speakers blared Bush's campaign theme song, "Only in America," and the president opened his remarks with a comment he used in 2004. "It's good to be in a part of the world where the cowboy has outnumbered the ties."

Bush, invigorated by the rally, gleefully predicted that Republicans will retain control of Congress, just as they retained control of the White House in 2004 when Democrats, he said, were measuring the West Wing.

"The movers never got the call," Bush said. "The same thing is going to happen on Nov. 7. We will win the Senate and we will win the House."

Bush also said veteran Republican senators like Burns are needed to help the Senate confirm judicial conservatives to the federal bench. When Montana voters cast their ballots, they're not only electing who will represent them in Washington, they will be deciding what kind of judges sit on federal courts

NEWS BRIEFS

Hitman apologizes before execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Through a window outside the Texas death chamber, Curtis Smith watched the man who killed his nephew die.

Authorities said the condemned man, Donell Jackson, collected \$200 for killing 17-year-old Mario Subbellef, who had witnessed a drive-by shooting.

Smith had helped convince Subbellef to tell a grand jury what he saw 13 years ago. But the teen was murdered before he could testify at trial.

From the death gurney Wednesday, Jackson, 33, acknowledged killing Subbellef before he could testify.

"I just want you to know that I wronged your family," Jackson told Smith. Jackson said he did the shooting "for the love of a friend" — the man Subbellef identified as the shooter in the drive-by incident.

Two men wounded in office parking lot

PHOENIX — Police arrested a former security guard in the shooting of two men Thursday outside a corporate office building where he used to work.

Michael Blas Rivera, 31, was taken into custody at his apartment complex about six miles from the Pitney Bowes parking lot where the men were shot, police said. Both victims were

hospitalized in critical condition. Rivera, who had recently been fired from his job, called 911 before his arrest, police said. They did not disclose what he said.

Police believe it was Rivera who stepped out of a vehicle a few hours earlier and fired a semiautomatic rifle at a low security guard and office employee, critically injuring both, said Sgt. Joel Truener. The victims were conscious and speaking when they were taken to a hospital, he said.

Med students try to resist sales

NEW YORK — Medical schools in several states are booting programs that teach doctors and students to challenge the sales pitches of drug companies and avoid being dazzled by them.

The pharmaceutical industry spends billions of dollars a year on marketing to doctors — sometimes throwing lavish events to seal the deal on certain medicines.

Critics say slick promotion is unduly influencing how drugs get prescribed, sometimes to the detriment of patients. A small number of schools are now adding lectures and continuing education seminars aimed at persuading doctors to challenge claims made during pharmaceutical sales presentations.

— The Associated Press





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Batman's powers not enough to stop winged beasts



The Associated Press
George Perkins, a bat remover known as Batman, stands near his retro-styled Chrysler Prowler, in downtown Americus, Ga.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMERICUS, Ga. — The grand historic mansions of this Southern town have become infested with millions of bats — so many that the sky turns black with each sunset. So many that not even the neighborhood Batman can help.

"This town is in bad shape," said George Perkins, a bat remover who often makes public appearances in the caped crusader's costume and drives his own Batmobile, a retro-styled Chrysler Prowler with bat emblems.

Homeowners are not laughing.

The bat problem began about a decade ago and got steadily worse as the number of animals grew. Perkins alone cannot do the job anymore, and now the state has promised to help, proposing a yearlong program to capture and move the flying mammals to "bat houses" where they will no longer be a nuisance.

"They're perpetual crap machines," said Tripp Pomeroy, who spent \$1,500 trying to evict bats from the attic of his 96-year-old home in Americus, a town of 17,000 people 116 miles south of Atlanta. Bats are the leading cause of human rabies in the United

States, and that makes Pomeroy reluctant to let his children sleep in their upstairs bedrooms.

Free-tailed bats, as the animals are called, normally dwell in caves in Texas and farther west but have been making their way into the Southeast, particularly over the past three decades. Experts say they are drawn to Americus because it has an unusually large number of old houses, which are not as well sealed-up as new homes and have lots of crevices in their attics.

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Former Klansman Bowers dies at 82

BY HOLBROOK MOHR
The Associated Press
JACKSON, Miss. — Former Ku Klux Klan Imperial Wizard Samuel H. Bowers, who was serving a life sentence for the 1966 bombing death of a civil rights leader, died Sunday in a state penitentiary officials said. He was 82.

He died of cardio pulmonary arrest, said Mississippi Department of Corrections spokeswoman Tina Booth.

Bowers was convicted in August of 1996 of ordering the assassination of Vernon Dahmer, a civil rights activist who had fought for black rights during Mississippi's turbulent struggle for racial equality.

"He was supposed to stay there until he died. I guess he fulfilled that," Vernon Dahmer's widow, Ellis Dahmer, told The Associated Press on Sunday. "He lived a lot longer than Vernon Dahmer did."

Bowers died at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Mississippi State Penitentiary Hospital in Parchman, a sprawling prison carved out of the cotton and soybean fields in the impoverished Mississippi Delta, Booth said.

Vernon Dahmer died at the age of 58 after being fire-bombed outside his home.

Two carloads of Klansmen arrived at Dahmer's Hattiesburg-area home in the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 10, 1966. Dahmer was able to keep the Klansmen at bay with a shotgun while his family fled, according to court testimony during a four-day trial in Forrest County Circuit Court in 1968. He died in his wife's arms about 12 hours after the attack.

During the trial, prosecutors claimed Bowers ordered the Dahmer attack after becoming enraged that Dahmer was trying to register blacks to vote.

Bowers' lawyers claimed he was



BOWERS



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
People pick through the garbage Saturday at the municipal dump in the city of Managua, Nicaragua, with a car bearing a license plate propaganda of presidential candidate Jose Rizo. As Nicaraguans go to the polls to choose their next president, most agree that Nicaragua must do more to battle poverty in a country that has changed little since the war's end in 1990.

Ortega tries to return to Nicaragua's presidency U.S. closely watching race

BY TRACI CARL
The Associated Press
MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaraguans hiked miles through the jungle, paddled canoes down remote rivers and waited under a searing sun to vote Sunday on whether to return Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega to power 16 years after a U.S.-backed rebellion helped push him out of office.

Ortega has his best chance in 16 years to regain the presidency, which he held from 1985-1990 when he fought a war against U.S.-backed Contra rebels who tried to oust him.

This election in the second-poorest nation in the hemisphere has become a tug-of-war between leftist Venezuela and its archrival, the United States.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez has said that aid and trade "will be endangered" if "anti-democratic forces prevail" in the election. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has openly favored his "brother" Ortega.

Ortega faces four opponents. Harvard-educated Eduardo Montealegre, Sandinista dissident Edmundo Jarquin, ruling party candidate Jose Rizo and former Contra rebel Eden Pastora. Most polls show his closest rival is Montealegre of the



ORTEGA

FBI willing to run undercover sting on U.S. Congress

BY GREG GORDON
McClatchy-Tribune News Service
WASHINGTON — The new chief of the FBI's Criminal Division, which is swamped with public corruption cases, says the bureau is ramping up its ability to catch crooked politicians and might run an undercover sting on Congress.

Assistant FBI Director James Burrus called the bureau's public corruption program "a sleeping giant that we've awoken," and predicted the nation will see continued emphasis in that area.

"For many, many years to come," Philip Heymann, who oversaw the Abscam investigation as chief of the Justice Department's Criminal Division during the Carter administration, expressed surprise to learn of the FBI's willingness to attempt another congressional sting after the outcry from Capitol Hill over Abscam.

"It shows courage at the FBI," said Heymann, now a criminal law professor at Harvard University. He said he concluded, after watching a recent public television documentary and listening to experts, that "there is more corruption on Capitol Hill than I ever thought imaginable" and that a single FBI sting "might result in very large numbers of prosecutions."

In the past year, former Republican Reps. Duke Cunningham of California and Bob Ney of Ohio have pleaded guilty to corruption charges. FBI agents are investigating about a dozen other members of Congress, including as many as three senators. The Justice Department also is expected to begin seeking indictments soon after a massive FBI investigation of the Alaska Legislature.

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DIANE MARIE SALVETA 1981-2006

Diane Marie Salveta, 25, of Hilton Head Island, died Friday in Savannah.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1981, in Detroit, Mich., and was the daughter of Karen Smiley of Hilton Head Island.

She was a graduate of Hilton Head High School.

Besides her mother, she is survived by a son, J. Kylin Kleinhans, her grandfather and grandmother Stewart and Maggie Forsyth of Pompano Beach, Fla., and a uncle, Jeff Forsyth of Detroit, Mich.

A celebration of her life will be held from 6-8 p.m. at The Island Funeral Home and Crematory, 4 Cardinal Road. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery in St. Clemons, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hilton Head Humane Association, P.O. Box

21790, Hilton Head Island, SC, 29925

The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES SCHENCK 1929-2006

James B. Schenck, 77, of Hilton Head Plantation, died Friday at Hilton Head Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 11, 1929, in Homer, N.Y., the son of the late Edith Buchanan Schenck and Oscar K. Schenck. He moved to Hilton Head Island in 1985 from Chicago.

He retired as an executive with International Harvester. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and former member of Dolphin Head Golf Club. His hobby was fine wood making.

He was a member of Homer Masonic Lodge in Homer, N.Y., and Kalurah Temple of

Binghamton, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife Beverly Diel Schenck, a son and daughter-in-law Conrad and Judy Schenck of Alpharetta, Ga., a daughter, Sandra Burke of Chatham, Mass., four grandchildren, David Burke of Charlotte, N.C., Heather Burke of Milwaukee, Wis., and Brian Schenck and Alex Schenck, both of Alpharetta, Ga., a sister and brother-in-law Patricia and Robert Riehman of Cortland, N.Y., and a brother and sister-in-law William and Barbara Schenck of Cortland, N.Y.

A private family graveside service will be held in Cortland, N.Y.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Regan Ranch, Young America's Foundation, 217 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101.

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Doug Robertson
Chairman

October 20, 2006

Randy Bates
P.O. Box 2422
Beaufort, SC 29901

Dear Randy:

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Best Regards,

Doug

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MEMORANDUM

To: BCRP Executive Committee
From: Ken George
Date: September 28, 2006
Subject: Proposed Promotion for November 7, 2006 Election

Here is a draft of proposed items, schedule and cost for the BCRP promotion efforts* prior to the November 7, 2006 election.

Date	Item	Costs	Cumulative Costs
September 12 & 25 October 16	Absentee eMail to BCRP list = 1,000	-0-	9-12 = Sent 9-25 = Sent
October 2 & November 5	Support Republican Slate of candidates eMail BCRP list = 1000	-0-	
October 16	Doug letter to all 32 candidates with copy of ad and ad schedule enclosed	\$32	
October 20	Doug letter to all 750 people on BCRP database	\$750**	
October 26	Place order for Turn- Out-The-Vote Post card to Executive Committee list to arrive November 2 or 3 = 100	\$30	Sub Total \$ 812
Friday November 3	½ page ad in Gazette and Packet	\$3,679.20	
Friday November 3	½ page ad in BT and Gullah Sentinel	\$1,293.65	
Monday November 6	½ page ad in Gazette and Packet	\$ 807.98	
Monday November 6	½ page ad in BT	\$ 259.38	Sub Total \$6,039.81 Total \$6,851.81

- * These promotion efforts are in addition to any efforts directed by the Victory 2006 program or the individual efforts conducted by one or more of the HQ locations.
- ** This cost includes postage, letter, envelop and 2,000 reprint copies of the ad.

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eMail to BCRP list – September 12, 25 and October 16 2006

Reminder about Absentee Ballot options

Agnes Garvin, Director of Voter Registration - 843.470.3751, will send you an absentee ballot if:

You are a registered voter in Beaufort County and if you request it on or before October 30, 2006 and if you are:

Persons Sixty-five years of age or older

Attending a sick or physically disabled person

Certified poll watcher, poll manager, county registration board commission member or staff working on Election Day

A member of the Uniformed Services on Active Duty

A member of the Merchant Marine

A Spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services on Active Duty

A U.S. Citizen temporarily residing outside the United States due to employment, serving with the American Red Cross, USO, Peace Corps, etc.

A U.S. Citizen permanently residing outside of the United States

Physical Disability

Student, their spouse or dependents residing with them who are outside their county of residence

For reasons of employment will not be able to vote on Election Day

Government employee, their spouse or dependents residing with them, who are outside their county of residence on Election Day

Person on vacation who will be outside their county of residence on Election Day

Serving as a juror in a state or federal court on Election Day

Admitted to the hospital as emergency patient on the day of election or within a four-day period before the election

Death or funeral in the family within a three-day period before the election

Confined to a jail or pre-trial facility pending disposition of arrest or trial

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Email to BCRP List

October 2 Version

Dear Beaufort County Voter:

The candidates for elective office are spending a lot of time and effort to convince us to vote for them. That is how it should be. We are privileged to be part of the most valuable aspect of this great democracy, that of choosing our leaders.

Did you know you are in the top 10% of the world's population? That is right. Less than 10% of the people on planet earth ever get an honest opportunity to choose their leaders. It is imperative we do everything we can to vote.

Please call your neighbors and drive them to the poll if necessary. Each of our great slate of Republican candidates is counting on you.

November 5 Version

Dear Beaufort County Voter:

Tomorrow is the big day. As you well know, we are privileged to be part of the most valuable aspect of this great democracy, that of choosing our leaders.

You know you are in the top 10% of the world's population when it comes to choosing leaders. However, that privilege carries the responsibility to participate. It is imperative we do everything we can to vote and help others – who are registered – to vote.

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Chairman

October 16, 2006

(Inside Address from Data Base)
(Candidates)

Dear (First Name):

Here is a reprint of the ad we will be running in the Beaufort Gazette, Bluffton Today, The Gullah Sentinel and the Island Packet on Friday, November 2 and Monday, November 6, 2006. As you see, you and your race is listed and we expect the voters of Beaufort County will once again give Republicans victory.

When you look at this list you can not help but be impressed with the quality of each of these persons. The experiences and accomplishments these candidates bring to government is not matched any where else. As the voter looks at your background and the background of the other candidates, they see capability that bodes well for Beaufort County.

Thank you for being part of this great team. We are proud to offer the voters such an outstanding group of candidates.

Best Regards,

Doug Robertson, Chairman

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October 20, 2006

(Inside Address of 754 records on the BCRP Database)

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Best Regards,

Doug

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An Important Message from the Beaufort County Republican Party

Dear BCRP Executive Committee Member or Alternate:

You are one of the key leaders of the Beaufort County Republican Party and as such it is very important for you to do your best to get Republicans to the poles on November 7.

We have a great slate of candidates and we know the opposition is working to defeat them. Therefore, we must work even harder. Please give your self the assignment of calling at least 5 neighbors whom you know to be conservatives and supporters of good government. You need to make these calls on or about November 5 and 6.

If you have not already done so, visit the BCRP HQ in your area. They will be glad to see you and you might even lend them a hand. The last several elections have been very rewarding for our candidates. Let us all work hard to make the November 7, 2006 election a tremendous successes.

Best Regards, Doug

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Victory 2006 Phone Bank Round 1 -Call Script

“Hi Mr./Mrs/Ms. _____. My name is _____ and I’m a volunteer with the Beaufort County Republican Party.”

“I am calling to see if we can count on your support for Governor Mark Sanford and Congressman Joe Wilson on November 7th?”

IF YES, Check the Y column and say, “That’s great! Thank you for your time and I hope we can count on your support for Andre Bauer, Thomas Ravenel, Karen Floyd and the strong Beaufort County Republican candidates as well! Have a great day/night!” (Check the Y column even if they say yes for one candidate but not the other)

IF NO, Check the N Column and say, “Thank you for time, and have a great day/night.”

IF Undecided, Check the OTHER column with U, and say “Thank you for your time and I hope you’ll consider voting for Mark Sanford and his strong Republican team on November 7th!”

If you get a wrong number or if the line is disconnected or if the person answering is rude, mark the OTHER column with the word BAD.

If there is no answer, mark the OTHER column with NA. If you get an answering machine, mark the OTHER column LM and say:

“Hi Mr./Mrs./Mr. _____. My name is _____ and I’m a volunteer with the Beaufort County Republican Party. I was calling to encourage you to vote for Governor Mark Sanford and the rest of the Republican ticket on November 7th. Have a great day/evening.”

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Dear fellow Republicans,

The 2006 South Carolina and Beaufort County Republican Candidates need your help.

For years the average Republican candidate performed a few points below the last poll. While Republicans nationally relied on television the last few days of the election, democrats fired up their networks to turn out the on a block by block basis.

In 2000 and 2001 the RNC conducted numerous tests designed to determine the best way to get likely Republican voters to the polls. Some of these tests were conducted in South Carolina. They found what many had known for years: personal, local contacts make much more difference in whether a voter goes to the polls than advertising.

By knocking on doors in high density Republican neighborhoods and calling likely Republican voters on behalf of Senator Graham and governor Sanford in 2002 and President Bush and Senator DeMint in 2004, we were able to increase the Republican turnout so that our candidates performed at or above the final polling data.

We will be repeating our winning strategy from 2002 and 2004 this year. In the past we have mobilized over 10,000 volunteers. We will need at least that many this year.

We are not asking you to knock on doors. We need to call nearly 4,500 people in northern Beaufort County who have voted Republican in the past and ask them a simple question. The script goes like this:

"Hi Mr/Mrs/Miss/ my name is . I am a volunteer with the Beaufort County Republican Party. I am calling to see if we can count on your support for Governor Mark Sanford and Congressman Joe Wilson on November 7th."

You thank them, tell them to have a nice day, mark their answer on a sheet and move along. If no one is home, you leave the message, mark the sheet and move on.

You are calling Republicans. It is very simple, non-confrontational and we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP! We need to complete these 4,500 calls by October 15, if possible, and I know we can do it. You can make about 60 calls



Beaufort County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Executive Committee of the Beaufort County Republican Party met on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at Palmetto Electric Headquarters – Highway 278 across from Sun City

Chairman, Doug Robertson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Representative Bill Herbkersman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Don Laidlaw said the prayer.

Lucy Hall announced that we had a quorum and attendance is a matter of record. Doug mentioned that Neil Weingarth was not present due to recent double bypass surgery. Doug acquainted the group on how fortunate we are to have such a great Republican in Neil Weingarth and urged everyone to sign his “get well soon” card.

Doug then recognized the following special guests: Representative Bill Herbkersman, Representative Richard Chalk, Stu Rodman, Rick Caporale, David Chase, Bob Holzmacher, Paul Sommerville, Sharon Burris, Ian Headley, Phil Curtis and Jerry Stewart.

I presented the minutes of the May 25 meeting, Doug made a motion to accept them, Don Laidlaw seconded and the majority passed the motion.

Doug then introduced Norma Stewart, accountant and gave a short biography of her qualifications for the office of Treasurer. Don Laidlaw made a motion to accept her nomination, Ethyl Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The floor then recognized our special guest, Katon Dawson of the South Carolina Republican Party who thanked the membership and the Beaufort County Republican Party for all that we do and specifically thanked the all the candidates. He poignantly reminded the membership of all of the terrorist acts prior to 9/11 and how President George Bush stood up and said “we are not going to take it anymore” and that is how Katon Dawson finds his inspiration to volunteer so many hours for our party. He said it was an exciting time to be a Republican in South Carolina and that Governor Sanford is doing a good job from tort reform, medical malpractice, fully funded schools, tax cuts and it’s time to put our petty arguments aside because the future of South Carolina is on the line so let’s all get to work.

Doug thanked Katon Dawson for talking time out of his busy schedule and encouraged the group to please take signs and help our candidates get elected.

The floor then recognized Ken George who become aware of Jim Goettles presence in the room and thanked Jim for his 40 years of service at which time the membership also expressed appreciation by a thunderous round of applause. Ken then presented ideas for a "Turn Out The Vote" promotion for our BCRP Candidates in the November 7 election by advertising in local newspapers. Ken made a motion for a budget request of \$6,800.00, Don Laidlaw seconded the motion and the majority passed the motion.

Ken then made a motion to change the name of our set of regulations from "By-Laws" to "Rules." Randy Bates posed a question to confirm that this motion was to officially change the name only and did not have to do with content, which Ken concurred, Don Laidlaw seconded and the majority passed the motion.

Ken then spoke about needing a change in our organizational structure due to growth and lack of leadership in some areas and made a motion to change the number of districts from six to three and Trish Lee seconded the motion. The floor recognized discussion from Randy Bates, Edie Rogers, Trish Lee, Doug Robertson, Pete Hall and Tom Hatfield. Tom Hatfield called the question and the majority passed the motion.

Pete Hall made a motion to have three selected people from each district for a total of nine people versus 12 people. Tom Hatfield seconded the motion and the majority passed the motion. The room was then divided into three groups and from each group three people were chosen to represent their district as follows:

Hilton Head/Dafuskie:	James Wedgeworth, Tom Hatfield and Mary Amonitti
North of the Broad:	Bernie Hess, Pat Conners and Edie Rogers, Chair
Bluffton/Chechessee/Sun City:	Norma Stewart, Pete Hall, and Luellen Robertson
	Alternates: Brooks Poley and Lucy Hall

The floor then recognized the following candidates who were given an opportunity to speak:

Aretha Williams, School Board
Stephanie Mack, School Board
Representative Richard Chalk, District 123 who had to leave early to choir practice, however, needs our support in his race against Flo Rossi
Mike Passanite, County Council
Sharon Burris, County Auditor
Rick Caporale, County Council
Stu Roadman, County Council
Joan Deery, School Board
Pam Edwards, School Board
Jim Bequette, School Board

Erik Erickson, School Board
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Charlie Wetmore, Bluffton Town Council

School Board Candidates seeking party endorsement were asked to be excused. All candidates with the exception of Aretha Williams and Stephanie Mack left the room while discussion took place. The floor heard from David Chase, Paul Eitel, Bonnie Smith, Edie Rogers, Mary Amonitti, Tom Hatfield, Trish Lee, Artie Heape, Rick Caporale, Pete Hall, and Bernie Hess. Doug then made a motion to endorse all of the candidates and Tom Hatfield seconded the motion. A head count revealed that 11 were for and 8 were against, but the count was repeated due a misunderstanding about the motion. Brooks Poley restated the motion as to the candidates' request for party's endorsement for school board and Tom Hatfield seconded the motion. A head count revealed 12 in favor and 10 against and the majority passed the motion.

Doug then made a motion for a budget request to provide \$1000.00 to Mike Passanite and \$1000.00 to Richard Chalk and \$100.00 for all other 33 candidates. Ken George seconded the motion. The floor recognized Pat Conners who asked for more money for Mike Passanite and Richard Chalk and the floor recognized David Lott who questioned why uncontested candidates should receive any money. Doug indicated that the budget could not meet the expense of any more funding. After a vote, the majority passed the motion.

Doug then spoke about Victory 2006 and announced the appointment of Sara Reardon, Gail O'Kane, Rachel Buie and Sherri Zedd for the team. They will contact us about making 4,500 calls to solicit support for our worthy candidates.

New business

The floor recognized Sara Reardon, President of the Beaufort Republican Women who invited the group to the meet the president of the National Federal of Republican Women during the "Caravan Across the Palmetto State" accompanied by the South Carolina Federal of Republican Women for a candidate rally at the Beaufort Republican Headquarters on October 5 at 6:15 pm. The cost is \$5.00.

Convergence 2006 will be on October 22 through October 24 at the Savannah Convention Center. Congressman Joe Wilson is expected. Contact Orly Benny Davis for details.

Pat Conners made a motion to for the party to strongly support Bob Holzmacher's nomination to the Board of the Beaufort Jasper Water Sewer Authority. Jim Bequette second and the majority passed the motion.

Mary Amonitti informed the group about the upcoming "Women for Women 2006 Conference" at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort on October 26 through October 29.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is correspondence from Randy Bates regarding eligible voting members and a request to endorse three out of five Statewide Constitutional Amendments that will be presented on the November 7 ballots as follows: Support of Marriage, Limitation of Taxable Real Property and Protecting Private Property. In the interest of time, Edie Rogers asked that these issues be tabled until the next meeting and Ken George seconded the motion. A head count revealed that 11 were in favor of tabling and seven were against and the motion for the issues to be tabled was passed.

There being no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Flewelling
Recording Secretary

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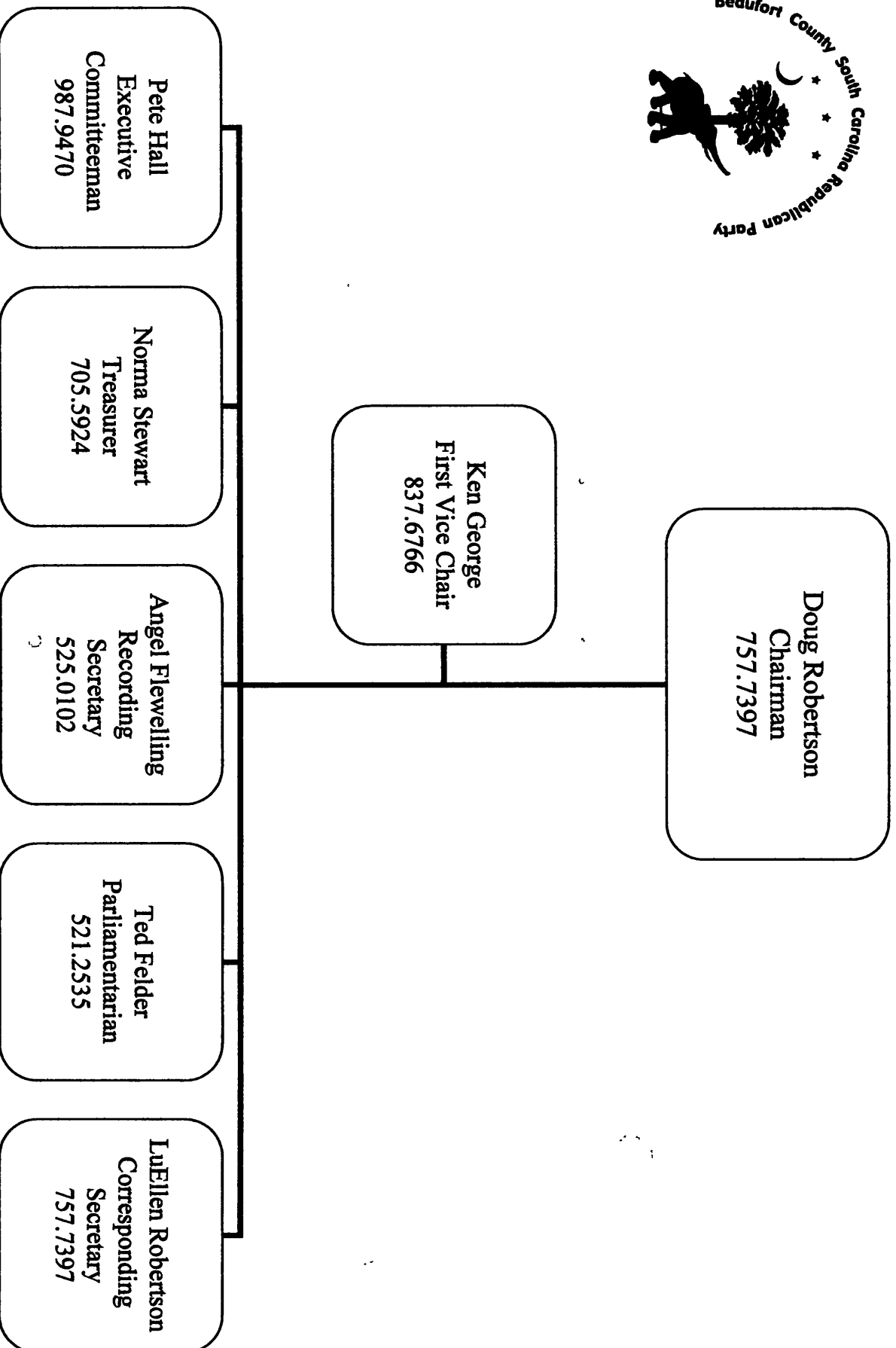
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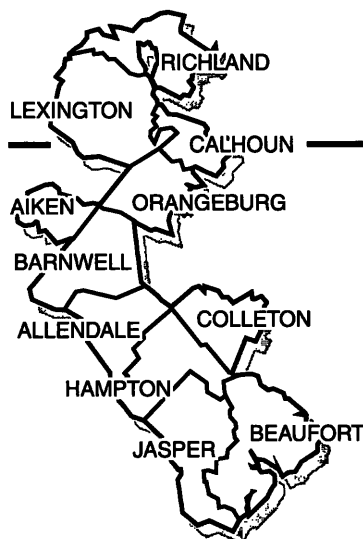


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Beaufort County Republican Party – Office of the Chairman





South Carolina Republican Party Second Congressional District

Randy Bates, Chairman
Beaufort, South Carolina

11 December 2006

Dear Fellow Executive Committeeman,

I am writing you in advance of our upcoming Executive Committee meeting this Wednesday, December thirteenth. As one of forty-seven voting members of our Executive Committee, I am asking that you consider the words of the outgoing Republican National Committee chairman Ken Mehlman: "For Republicans, this must be a time for self-examination."

One of the lessons from the 2006 elections, Chairman Mehlman, noted was that **"the Republican Party must - must - hold ... everyone ... to the absolute highest ethical standards."** We must take that guidance to heart here within our own County Party.

A little less than a year ago our Party leadership attempted to make extensive changes to our Bylaws. Some of those proposed changes were in direct conflict with both state law and our State Party Rules. Even after the Attorney General opined that these changes did conflict with state law, the Party leadership still made an effort to bring them forward for a vote at the county convention.

During this past election cycle, several candidates were told to disregard a state requirement for filing. One candidate was told that the County Party would "sprinkle fairy dust" on that section of the state law to presumably take care of it. Additionally, during this past election cycle, the County Party involved itself in Federal Election Activity potentially subjecting itself to examination by the Federal Election Commission.

And now, to paraphrase President Ronald Reagan, "there they go again."

The past two Executive Committee meetings have witnessed more changes to our Bylaws, in direct violation of our bylaws and the basic tenets of parliamentary procedure.

Our Bylaws have required, since at least 1988, written notice of all proposed changes. Article XIX, *Amendments*, notes in part,



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...provided notice of any amendments [have] been given in writing to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Article XIX, *Amendments*, 2003. See also, Article, XVII, *Amendments*, 1988, "... provided notice of any proposed amendments [have] been given in writing to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting;" and *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*, p. 562, l. 9-12, speaking to the requirement of advance notice.

Simply put, any proposed changes to the Bylaws must be submitted in writing to all members thirty days prior to the meeting. As an organization established under state law, I believe we have an even higher duty to follow our governing documents. In defense of these past actions, we have been told that the ends justify the means. I must respectfully and vigorously disagree. "Sprinkling fairy dust" or plainly disregarding our own guidelines defies every principle of our Republican Party. We must follow our Bylaws and all relevant laws – from forming the nominating committee to amending that document.

RNC Chairman Mehlman concluded his recent remarks, by noting,

I am proud of my party and loyal to our members. But if Republicans are guilty of illegal or inappropriate behavior, they should pay the price and suffer the consequences.

If there are Republicans for whom influence or power or money have become more important than serving the public and the nation, then let me make it perfectly clear: we don't want you.

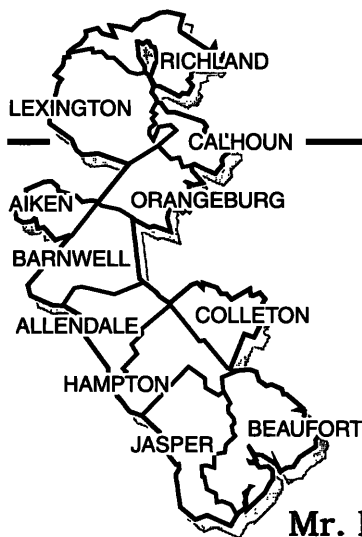
The public trust must be more important than party, and we – every single person in this room and in this party – must be absolute and uncompromising in seeking out those who have done wrong, without regard to party or ideology.

I join with Chairman Mehlman, and many others in our Party, that to move forward we cannot abandon our principles.

To that end, I hope you will join with me in requiring that we conduct all our business in the proper fashion.

Sincerely,

Randy Bates



South Carolina Republican Party Second Congressional District

By Hand

Randy Bates, Chairman
Beaufort, South Carolina

17 December 2006

Mr. Doug Robertson
Chairman, Beaufort County Republican Party
83 May River Point
Bluffton, South Carolina 29910

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I write you today to request your immediate attention and action regarding our County Party.

Pursuant to Article VIII of our current County By-Laws¹, I am asking that you call a special Executive Committee meeting no later than Friday, December twenty-second. The purpose of this special meeting will be to address the issue of compliance and reporting regarding the County Party's Federal Election Activity during 2006.

I believe it is in our best interest to address this issue forthrightly and without delay. Each day that the County Party fails to comply with reporting its Federal Election Activity only exacerbates the problem.

Moreover, I believe it is in the paramount interest of the County Party to immediately self-report this activity to the Federal Election Commission under the provisions of their *sua sponte* submissions. It is possible that the,

Commission may allow individuals and organizations that self-report violations and that make a complete report of their internal investigations to proceed directly into conciliation prior to the Commission determining whether their conduct may have violated statutes or regulations within its jurisdiction.²

In addition to expediting the compliance issues by self-reporting, "the Commission will consider reducing opening civil penalty offers by up to 75%."³



Notwithstanding any possible favorable action by the Federal Election Commission for our self-reporting, the County Party must proceed immediately to file a *sua sponte* submission because it is the right course of action.

I sent Norma Stewart, our County Party Treasurer, a copy of my previous correspondence on this matter.⁴ I followed that up by faxing an additional copy and speaking briefly with her about the Federal compliance issue. After offering my assistance to work on resolving the Federal Election Activity compliance with her, I have yet to hear back from her.

Time being of the essence, the question of compliance and the course you, as the Chairman of our County Party, intend to take must be accomplished expeditiously.

To that end, please favor me with a reply to your intended course of action by close of business on Monday, December eighteenth, regarding convening a special Executive Committee meeting to address compliance and reporting of our Federal Election Activity during 2006 or if you intend to file a *sua sponte* submission.

Sincerely,

Randy Bates

¹ Article VIII (7), *County Executive Committee*, "Additional meetings of the County Executive Committee may be called by the Chairman at such time and place as he may designate, but no meeting shall be held without each member being given at least forty-eight hours (48) notice thereof."

² Federal Election Commission, *Proposed Policy Regarding Self-Reporting of Campaign Finance Violations (Sua Sponte Submissions)*, Agenda Document 06-79 before the Commission on 30 November 2006, p 1, ll 23-29. Hereafter FEC, *Proposed Policy*.

³ FEC, *Proposed Policy*, p 8, ll 12-13. Footnote in original citation omitted.

⁴ Bates letter dated 11 December 2006.

Local Party Activity

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Introduction

A local party organization is an organization that is responsible for a political party's activities below the state level (such as city, county or district level) but is not registered with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) as a district or local party committee. Because these organizations may become involved in elections for federal office, the FEC has prepared this brochure to help them comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act) and FEC regulations.

As this brochure will explain more fully, the Act and FEC regulations:

- Require local party organizations to register and file disclosure reports with the FEC once their activities related to federal elections exceed certain dollar thresholds;
- Place dollar limits on the contributions and expenditures that local party organizations may make on behalf of candidates for federal office;
- Prohibit certain kinds of contributions in connection with federal elections; and
- Require local party organizations to spend only permissible funds to support federal candidates and to engage in "federal election activity," as defined by the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (BCRA).

Because of these limits, prohibitions and registration thresholds, local party organizations should carefully monitor the money they raise and spend in connection with federal elections. Organizations that wish to avoid registration and disclosure should make certain that their activities do not exceed the registration thresholds discussed below.

On the other hand, registered party committees and organizations that plan to register and file reports with the FEC should consult the FEC's *Campaign Guide for Political Party Committees* instead of this brochure. A copy of the Guide, as well as registration and disclosure forms and other information about federal campaign finance law, may be obtained from the FEC's web site at www.fec.gov or by contacting the Commission at the following address or phone numbers:

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463
800/424-9530
202/694-1100 (local)
202/219-3336 (TDD)

NOTE: This brochure explains only selected provisions of FEC regulations (Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or "CFR"). It is not intended to be an exhaustive description of those rules.