



**Fannie Lou Hamer Political Action Committee**

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September 3, 2009

Federal Election Commission  
Thomasenia P. Duncan, Esq.  
Office of the General Counsel  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: RR 09L-16

Dear Ms. Duncan:

I am writing in response to a letter dated August 7, 2009, and received by the Fannie Lou Hamer Federal PAC on or about August 21, 2009. The letter references possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), by the Committee and/or the Treasurer. The letter indicated that this matter has been referred to your Office for possible enforcement action pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §437g. We were advised that you are reviewing our information in connection with making a recommendation to the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") as to whether there is reason to believe that the Committee and/or the Treasurer, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated the Act. We were advised that before you make such a recommendation, we can provide you with factual materials that we believe are relevant. This writing will detail the facts that I believe are relevant to your information-gathering and decision-making.

The Committee, based in Detroit, Michigan, was duly organized in 1991 as a political action committee to support candidates for federal office who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualifications and embrace a core philosophy of adherence to the cause of civil rights, and social and economic justice. All serious candidates for federal office in the City of Detroit seek the endorsement of the Committee, as this endorsement is widely recognized as the gold-standard for community-minded, progressive candidates.

The matter before you concerns an administrative oversight, which has been corrected. To be specific, contribution and expenditure reports were not filed with the Commission, in a timely fashion, by the Committee's former Treasurer, for the election cycles 2003-2004, 2005-2006, and 2007-2008.

Upon recognizing the depth of the problem, the Committee leadership questioned the former Treasurer and learned that reports were not timely filed because of a series of personal and familial tragedies that resulted in an inability to discharge his duties.



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Upon learning of the failure to file, I met with George Crenshaw of Tax Masters to find out what needed to be done to bring us into compliance with the Act. In December 2008, Mr. Crenshaw was retained and commissioned to immediately begin the process of compiling the information, and to file any and all delinquent reports. He has further been retained to complete and submit all required campaign finance reports, both Federal and State, for 2009 and beyond. In April 2009, the Committee appointed a new Treasurer, Karen Green.

A new set of controls and oversight have been adopted by the Committee's board to insure that such an administrative lapse does not re-occur.

This being said, we regret that this occurred, and we respectfully request that the Fannie Lou Hamer Federal PAC be allowed to move forward with its critical mission.

Sincerely

  
Yvette McElroy,  
Field Director