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FEC Issues an Advisory Opinion

WASHINGTON – At its open meeting today, the Federal Election Commission approved an advisory opinion.

[Advisory Opinion 2015-16 \(Niger Innis for Congress\)](#). The Commission issued an advisory opinion in response to a request from Niger Innis for Congress (the Committee). Mr. Innis was not a candidate in the general election but his Committee asked whether it may pay certain costs associated with general election contributions from general, rather than primary, election funds. The Commission concluded that the Committee may not. The Commission was unable to agree by the required four affirmative votes on the second question in the request, regarding whether the Committee may donate uncashed refunds of general election contributions to a charity, rather than disgorge the funds to the U.S. Treasury.

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) is an independent regulatory agency that administers and enforces federal campaign finance laws. The FEC has jurisdiction over the financing of campaigns for the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the Presidency and the Vice Presidency. Established in 1975, the FEC is composed of six Commissioners who are nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

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