



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington DC 20463

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 1410

DATE SCANNED 9/13/05

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

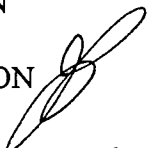

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MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COMMISSION

THROUGH: JAMES A. PEHRKON
STAFF DIRECTOR 
ROBERT J. COSTA 
DEPUTY STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: JOHN D. GIBSON 
ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR
REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

SUBJECT: REASON TO BELIEVE RECOMMENDATION -
2005 MAY MONTHLY REPORT
FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINES PROGRAM

Attached is the name of a political committee and its treasurer who failed to file the 2005 May Monthly Report in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434(a). On December 27, 2004, Prior Notice was sent to the political committee and treasurer, informing them that the report was due on May 20, 2005 and should cover the period from April 1, 2005 through April 30, 2005.

The committee appearing on the attached RTB Circulation Report filed the report more than five (5) days after the due date. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties located within 11 CFR §111.43, the committee should be assessed the civil money penalty included on the attached report.

Recommendation

- (1) Find reason to believe that the political committee and treasurer listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- (2) Send the appropriate mailgram.

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AF #	COMMITTEE ID	COMMITTEE NAME	RECEIPT DATE	TREASURER	DAYS LATE	LEVEL OF ACTIVITY	THRESHOLD AMOUNT	STATE	CANDIDATE NAME	SENSITIVE	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	CIVIL MONEY PENALTY
AF01410	C00389981	MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE FED	06/01/2005	CHRIS STEINBRUNER	12	\$38,019	\$117,551	CA		No	1	\$550



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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DATE & TIME TRANSMITTED: Monday, June 27, 2005 11:00

RETURN TO COMMISSION SECRETARY BY: Thursday, June 30, 2005 4:00

COMMISSIONER: MASON, McDONALD, SMITH, THOMAS, TONER, WEINTRAUB

SUBJECT: **RTB Recommendation - 2005 May Monthly Report
For The Administrative Fines Program
Memorandum from the Assistant Staff Director, Reports
Analysis Division dated June 27, 2005.**

- () I approve the recommendation(s)
- () I object to the recommendation(s)
- () I approve the recommendations except those following to which I object (please insert AF#)

- () I approve the recommendations except those following in which I abstain (please insert AF#)

- () I approve the recommendations except those following in which I am recused (please insert AF#)

- () I am not voting on this tally.

A definite vote is required. All ballots must be signed and dated. Please return ONLY THE BALLOT to the Commission Secretary. Please return ballot no later than date and time shown above.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
 Reason to Believe Recommendation -) AF 1410
 2005 May Monthly Report For The)
 Administrative Fines Program: Monterey)
 County Republican Central Committee)
 Fed. and Chris Steinbrunner.)

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 30, 2005, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in AF 1410:

1. Find Reason to Believe Monterey County Republican Central Committee Fed. and Chris Steinbruner, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be \$550.
2. Send the appropriate mailgram.

Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Smith, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for decision.

Attest:

July 1, 2005
 Date

Mary W. Dove
 Mary W. Dove
 Secretary of the Commission

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WESTERN UNION COMMERCIAL SERVICES
 CONFIRMATION OF MAILGRAM TO: CHRIS STEINBRUNER
 MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENT CMTE FED
 PO BOX 322
 SALINAS CA 93902-0322

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
 TODD GARLAND
 999 E ST NW # 709
 WASHINGTON DC 20463

JULY 1, 2005

CHRIS STEINBRUNER
 MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL CMTE FED
 P.O. BOX 322
 SALINAS, CA 93902

C00389981
 AF#: 1410

DEAR CHRIS STEINBRUNER:

THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971, AS AMENDED ("THE ACT"), REQUIRES THAT YOUR COMMITTEE FILE A MAY MONTHLY REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS COVERING THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 30TH. THIS REPORT SHALL BE FILED NO LATER THAN MAY 20TH. 2 U.S.C. 434(A). YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED OF THE DUE DATE FOR THIS REPORT. RECORDS AT THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION ("FEC") INDICATE THAT THIS REPORT WAS FILED ON 06/01/2005, 12 DAYS LATE.

THE ACT WAS FURTHER AMENDED IN 1999 TO PERMIT THE FEC TO IMPOSE CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF 2 U.S.C. 434(A). 2 U.S.C. 437G(A)(4). ON 06/30/2005, THE FEC FOUND THAT THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE ("RTB") THAT MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE FED AND YOU, AS TREASURER, VIOLATED 2 U.S.C. 434(A) BY FAILING TO FILE TIMELY THIS REPORT ON OR BEFORE MAY 20TH. BASED ON THE FEC'S SCHEDULES OF CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES AT 11 C.F.R. 111.43, THE AMOUNT OF YOUR CIVIL MONEY PENALTY CALCULATED AT THE RTB STAGE IS \$550. IT IS DUE BY 08/09/2005 AND IS BASED ON THESE FACTORS:

ELECTION SENSITIVITY OF REPORT: NOT SENSITIVE
 LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: \$38,019
 NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 12
 NUMBER OF PREVIOUS CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES ASSESSED: 1

TO PAY THE CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY
 TO PAY THE CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY, SEND THE ENCLOSED REMITTANCE AND YOUR PAYMENT TO THE FEC AT THE ADDRESS ON PAGE 3. UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR PAYMENT, THE FEC WILL SEND YOU A FINAL

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DETERMINATION LETTER.

TO CHALLENGE THE RTB FINDING AND/OR CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY TO CHALLENGE THE RTB FINDING AND/OR CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY, YOU MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE, INCLUDING THE AF# FOUND ON PAGE ONE, TO THE FEC'S OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW, 999 E STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20463. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 08/09/2005. YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSE MUST INCLUDE THE REASON(S) WHY YOU ARE CHALLENGING THE RTB FINDING AND/OR CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY. THE FEC WILL ONLY CONSIDER CHALLENGES THAT ARE BASED ON A FACTUAL ERROR, MISCALCULATION OF THE CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY BY THE FEC, OR THE EXISTENCE OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PERSISTED FOR MORE THAN 48 HOURS THAT WERE BEYOND YOUR CONTROL AND PREVENTED YOU FROM FILING THE REPORT IN A TIMELY MANNER. YOUR RESPONSE MUST INCLUDE THE FACTUAL BASIS SUPPORTING THE REASON(S) AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. THE FEC STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THAT DOCUMENTS BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORM OF AFFIDAVITS OR DECLARATIONS. EXAMPLES OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED EXTRAORDINARY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, NEGLIGENCE, PROBLEMS WITH VENDORS OR CONTRACTORS, STAFF ILLNESS, COMPUTER FAILURES AND SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. 11 C.F.R. 111.35(B)(1)(III) AND (4).

YOUR FAILURE TO RAISE AN ARGUMENT IN A TIMELY FASHION DURING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO PRESENT SUCH ARGUMENT IN A PETITION TO THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER 2 U.S.C. 437G. 11 C.F.R. 111.38.

IF YOU INTEND TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW. YOU SHOULD PROVIDE, IN WRITING, THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF YOUR COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZE COUNSEL TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THIS CHALLENGE AND IMPOSITION OF THE CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY.

IF YOU DO NOT PAY THE CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY OR SUBMIT A CHALLENGE

IF YOU DO NOT PAY THE CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY OR SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE FEC WILL ASSUME THAT THE PRECEDING FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE AND MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION THAT MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE FED AND YOU, AS TREASURER, VIOLATED 2 U.S.C. 434(A) AND ASSESS A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY.

UNPAID CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES ASSESSED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REGULATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 1982("DCA")AS AMENDED BY THE DEBT COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1996, 31 U.S.C. 3701 ET SEQ. THE FEC MAY TAKE ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED BY THE DCA, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING TRANSFER TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR COLLECTION. 11 C.F.R. 111.45.

THIS MATTER WAS GENERATED BASED ON INFORMATION ASCERTAINED BY THE FEC IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF CARRYING OUT ITS SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES. 2 U.S.C. 437G(A)(2). IT WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 U.S.C. 437G(A)(4)(B) AND 437G(A)(12)(A) UNTIL IT IS PLACED ON THE PUBLIC RECORD IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 C.F.R. 111.42, UNLESS YOU NOTIFY THE FEC IN WRITING THAT YOU WISH THE MATTER TO BE MADE PUBLIC.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE FEC'S ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE FINAL REGULATIONS, IS LOCATED AT THE FEC'S WEBSITE AT

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WWW.FEC.GOV. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF THE CALCULATED CIVIL MONEY PENALTY, PLEASE CONTACT DAYNA BROWN IN THE REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION AT OUR TOLL FREE NUMBER (800)424-9530 (AT THE PROMPT PRESS 5) OR (202)694-1130. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF A CHALLENGE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AT OUR TOLL FREE NUMBER (800)424-9530 (PRESS 0, THEN EXT. 1660) OR (202)694-1660.

SINCERELY,

SCOTT THOMAS
CHAIRMAN

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES AT 11 C.F.R. 111.43, THE AMOUNT OF YOUR CIVIL MONEY PENALTY CALCULATED AT RTB IS \$550 FOR THE 2005 MAY MONTHLY REPORT.

PLEASE MAIL THIS REMITTANCE WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 952182
ST. LOUIS, MO 63195-2182

IF YOU CHOOSE TO SEND YOUR REMITTANCE AND PAYMENT BY COURIER OR OVERNIGHT DELIVERY, PLEASE USE THIS ADDRESS:
U.S. BANK - GOVERNMENT LOCKBOX
FEC #952182
1005 CONVENTION PLAZA
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

THE REMITTANCE AND YOUR PAYMENT ARE DUE BY 08/09/2005. UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REMITTANCE AND PAYMENT, THE FEC WILL SEND YOU A FINAL DETERMINATION LETTER.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE FED

FEC ID#: C00389981

AF#: 1410

PAYMENT DUE DATE: 08/09/2005

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$550

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 3, 2005

MEMORANDUM

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TO: THE COMMISSION

THROUGH: JAMES A. PEHRKON
STAFF DIRECTOR

ROBERT J. COSTA *gibson Ric*
DEPUTY STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: JOHN D. GIBSON *JDG*
ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR
REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE FINES FINAL DETERMINATION
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2005 MAY MONTHLY
REPORT

Attached is a circulation report identifying a political committee and its treasurer against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed a proposed civil money penalty calculated at RTB for failure to timely file the 2005 May Monthly Report. The committee paid the civil money penalty of \$550 on July 28, 2005.

In accordance with 11 CFR 111.34, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to the respondent.

RAD Recommendation

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committee and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the civil money penalty so indicated on the attached circulation report
- (2) Send the appropriate mailgram.

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AF #	COMMITTEE NAME	STATE	REPORT TYPE
CANDIDATE NAME	COMMITTEE ID	TREASURER	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS
RECEIPT DATE	LEVEL OF ACTIVITY	DATE PAID	AMOUNT PAID
REASON TO BELIEVE DATE	CIVIL MONEY PENALTY		

AF1410 MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE FED CA 2005 MAY MONTHLY

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06/01/2005 12 \$38,019 07/28/2005 \$550

06/30/2005 \$550



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

SENSITIVE

DATE & TIME OF TRANSMITTAL: Thursday, August 04, 2005 11:00

BALLOT DEADLINE: Tuesday, August 09, 2005 4:00

COMMISSIONER: MASON, McDONALD, SMITH, THOMAS, TONER, WEINTRAUB

SUBJECT: **Administrative Fines Final Determination Recommendation
for the 2005 May Monthly Report – Monterey County
Republican Central Committee and Chris Steinbruner, as
Treasurer. Memorandum from the Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division dated August 3, 2005.**

I approve the recommendation(s)

I object to the recommendation(s)

I am recused from voting.

COMMENTS: _____

A definite vote is required. All ballots must be signed and dated. Please return ONLY THE BALLOT to the Commission Secretary. Please return ballot no later than date and time shown above.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
 Administrative Fines Final Determination) AF #1410
 Recommendation for the 2005 May)
 Monthly Report - Monterey County)
 Republican Central Committee and Chris)
 Steinbruner, as Treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 09, 2005, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in AF #1410:

1. Make a final determination that Monterey County Republican Central Committee and Chris Steinbruner, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the civil money penalty of \$550.00.
2. Send the appropriate mailgram.

Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Smith, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

August 9, 2005
 Date

Mary W. Dove
 Mary W. Dove
 Secretary of the Commission

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WESTERN UNION COMMERCIAL SERVICES
 CONFIRMATION OF MAILGRAM TO: CHRIS STEINBRUNER
 MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMI
 PO BOX 322
 SALINAS CA 93902-0322

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMITTEE
 ELIZABETH GOINGS
 999 E ST. NW
 WASHINGTON DC 20463

AUGUST 10, 2005

CHRIS STEINBRUNER
 MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMI
 PO BOX 322
 SALINAS CA 93902

C00389981
 AF#: 1410

DEAR CHRIS STEINBRUNER:

ON 06/30/2005, THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION ("FEC") FOUND REASON TO BELIEVE ("RTB") THAT MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMI AND YOU, AS TREASURER, VIOLATED 2 U.S.C. 434(A) FOR FILING LATE OR FAILING TO FILE THE MAY MONTHLY REPORT. BY MAILGRAM DATED 07/01/2005, THE FEC SENT YOU NOTIFICATION OF THE RTB FINDING THAT INCLUDED A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY CALCULATED AT THE RTB STAGE OF \$550 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES AT 11 C.F.R. 111.43. ON 07/28/2005, THE FEC RECEIVED PAYMENT OF YOUR CIVIL MONEY PENALTY CALCULATED AT THE RTB STAGE. THEREFORE, THE FEC MADE A FINAL DETERMINATION ON 08/09/2005 THAT YOU, AS TREASURER, AND MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMI VIOLATED 2 U.S.C. 434(A), ASSESSED A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 C.F.R. 111.43, AND VOTED TO CLOSE THE FILE.

THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS AT 2 U.S.C. 437G(A)(12) NO LONGER APPLY AND THIS MATTER IS NOW PUBLIC. THE FILE WILL BE MADE A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD PURSUANT TO 11 C.F.R. 111.42(B). ALTHOUGH THE FILE MUST BE PLACED ON THE PUBLIC RECORD WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE COMMISSION'S NOTIFICATION, THIS COULD OCCUR AT ANYTIME FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION OF THE COMMISSION'S VOTE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER, PLEASE CONTACT DAYNA BROWN ON OUR TOLL FREE NUMBER (800)424-9530 (AT THE PROMPT PRESS 5) OR (202)694-1130.

SINCERELY,
 SCOTT E. THOMAS
 CHAIRMAN

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MEMO	Federal Election Commission PO Box 952182 Saint Louis, MO 63195-2182		

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington DC 20463

THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 1410

DATE SCANNED 9/13/05

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