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REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL  
TO  
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE

DATE: May 30, 2024

ANALYST: Nataliya Ioffe

- I. COMMITTEE: Suozzi for Congress  
C00607200  
Michael G. Norman, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 669  
Glen Cove, NY 11542
- II. RELEVANT STATUTES: 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(2)  
52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) and (f)  
11 C.F.R. § 102.9(e)  
11 C.F.R. § 103.3  
11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)  
11 C.F.R. § 110.2(b)

III. BACKGROUND:

**A. Excessive, Prohibited and Other Impermissible Contributions: Failure to Refund, Redesignate, or Reattribute Excessive Contributions within the Permissible Timeframe**

Suozzi for Congress (“the Committee”) received excessive 2022 Primary and General Election contributions totaling \$44,605.00 from individuals, non-qualified political action committees, and a multicandidate political action committee that were not remedied within the permissible timeframe. Of this amount, the Committee refunded \$26,205.00 outside of the permissible timeframe, and \$18,400.00 remains unremedied (Attachment 1).

2021 October Quarterly Report

During the [2021 October Quarterly](#) reporting period, July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, the Committee received excessive contributions totaling \$42,105.00 from individuals, a non-qualified political action committee, and a multicandidate political action committee that were not remedied within the permissible timeframe (Attachment 1).

On December 19, 2021, a [Request for Additional Information \(RFAI\)](#) was sent to the Committee referencing the 2021 October Quarterly Report. The RFAI noted the Committee's receipt of apparent excessive contributions and requested that the Committee take corrective action concerning these contributions.

### 2021 Year-End Report

During the [2021 Year-End](#) reporting period, October 1, 2021 through December 31 2021, the Committee received excessive contributions totaling \$2,500.00 from an individual and non-qualified political action committees that were not remedied within the permissible timeframe (Attachment 1).

On April 3, 2022, an [RFAI](#) was sent to the Committee referencing the 2021 Year-End Report. The RFAI noted the Committee's receipt of apparent excessive contributions and requested that the Committee take corrective action concerning these contributions.

### **B. Excessive, Prohibited and Other Impermissible Contributions: (Failure to Refund, or Redesignate General Election Contributions within the Permissible Timeframe after the Candidate's Non-Participation the Primary Election**

Suozzi for Congress ("the Committee") received 2022 General Election contributions totaling \$9,905.00 that were not refunded or redesignated within the permissible timeframe from the date Thomas Suozzi ("the Candidate") elected not to participate in the 2022 New York Primary Election. Of this amount, the Committee refunded \$7,705.00 outside of the permissible timeframe, and \$2,200.00 remains unremedied (Attachment 1).<sup>1</sup>

### 2021 October Quarterly Report

During the [2021 October Quarterly](#) reporting period, July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, the Committee received 2022 General Election contributions totaling \$9,505.00 from individuals that were remedied outside the permissible timeframe (Attachment 1).

### 2021 Year-End Report

During the [2021 Year-End](#) reporting period, October 1, 2021 through December 31 2021, the Committee received 2022 General Election contributions totaling \$400.00 from an individual and a non-qualified political action committee that were remedied outside the permissible timeframe (Attachment 1).

On October 29, 2023, a [Request for Additional Information \(RFAI\)](#) referencing the 2022 October Quarterly Report was sent to the Committee. The RFAI noted the

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<sup>1</sup> Some of these contributions were also excessive and included in the amount in violation in Section A of the referral.

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Committee's receipt of apparent 2022 General Election contributions that were not refunded or redesignated within the permissible timeframe from the date the Candidate elected not to participate in the 2022 New York Primary Election and requested that the Committee take corrective action concerning these contributions.

Since February 4, 2022, RAD logged thirty-seven (37) communications with representatives of the Committee which reflect efforts to help the Committee voluntarily comply with the Act. RAD was able to successfully connect with the Committee on thirty-two (32) occasions. RAD informed representatives of the Committee, including Michael Norman, Treasurer, of the unrefunded and late-remedied excessive and impermissible 2022 Primary and General Election contributions and explained the matters would be forwarded to another Commission office for further review (Attachment 2). To date, no further communications have been received from the Committee regarding these matters.

Filings and correspondence related to the Committee can be found here: [Suozzi for Congress](#).

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Excessive and Prohibited Contributions Not Refunded and/or Refunded Outside Permissible Timeframes, Listed by Contributor

**Untimely Resolved/Unresolved Excessive Contributions\***

Contributor Name	Date	Contribution Amount	Election	Report	Excessive Amount Not Remedied within Timeframe	Remedied # Days Since Receipt
<b>Contributions from Individuals</b>						
Checkla, Ira J	8/23/2021	\$2,975.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Checkla, Ira J	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly		
Checkla, Ira J	12/1/2023	-\$75.00	G2022	2023 12-Day Pre-Special	\$75.00	340
Cincotta, Connie	8/12/2021	\$2,900.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Cincotta, Connie	8/12/2021	\$5,800.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Cincotta, Connie	8/29/2021	\$5,800.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Cincotta, Connie	12/31/2021	-\$11,600.00	G2022	2021 Year-End	\$5,800.00	141
Cincotta, Connie	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly	\$5,800.00	124
Cronin, Denis	8/5/2021	\$5,800.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Cronin, Denis	12/31/2021	-\$2,800.00	G2022	2021 Year-End	\$2,800.00	148
Cronin, Denis	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly	\$100.00	358
Florence, Anthony	8/23/2021	\$11,600.00	P2022	2021 October Quarterly	\$8,700.00	N/A
Florence, Claire	8/23/2021	\$11,600.00	P2022	2021 October Quarterly	\$8,700.00	N/A
Frankel, Perry	6/11/2021	\$1,000.00	P2022	2021 July Quarterly		
Frankel, Dr. Perry	8/5/2021	\$1,900.00	P2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Frankel, Dr. Perry	8/5/2021	\$1,000.00	P2022	2021 October Quarterly	\$1,000.00	N/A
Goodman, Lorna B.	8/23/2021	\$4,300.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Goodman, Lorna B.	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly		
Goodman, Lorna Bade	12/1/2023	-\$1,400.00	G2022	2023 12-Day Pre-Special	\$1,400.00	340
Gural, Jeffrey R.	8/19/2021	\$5,800.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Gural, Jeffrey R.	12/31/2021	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2021 Year-End		
Gural, Jeffrey R.	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly	\$2,900.00	134
Kerr, Michael	8/26/2021	\$600.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Kerr, Michael	10/30/2021	\$2,500.00	G2022	2021 Year-End		
Kerr, Michael	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly		
Kerr, Michael	12/1/2023	-\$200.00	G2022	2023 12-Day Pre-Special	\$200.00	272
Liu, Fan	9/30/2021	\$2,930.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Liu, Fan	12/1/2023	-\$2,930.00	G2022	2023 12-Day Pre-Special	\$30.00	792

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Misk, Nasrallah	8/23/2021	\$100.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Misk, Nasrallah	8/30/2021	\$3,000.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Misk, Nasrallah	12/31/2021	-\$200.00	G2022	2021 Year-End		
Misk, Nasrallah	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly	\$200.00	123
<b>Contributions from Political Action Committees (PACs)</b>						
American Maritime Officers Voluntary Political Action Fund	6/3/2021	\$2,500.00	G2022	2021 July Quarterly		
American Maritime Officers Voluntary Political Action Fund	6/15/2021	\$2,500.00	G2022	2021 July Quarterly		
American Maritime Officers Voluntary Political Action Fund	9/27/2021	\$2,500.00	G2022	2021 October Quarterly		
American Maritime Officers Voluntary Political Action Fund	12/31/2021	-\$2,500.00	G2022	2021 Year-End		
American Maritime Officers Voluntary Political Action Fund	7/29/2022	-\$5,000.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly	\$2,500.00	95
Arthritis Knee Pain Centers, LLC Osteoarthritis Relief PAC	6/25/2021	\$1,500.00	P2022	2021 July Quarterly		
Arthritis Knee Pain Centers, LLC Osteoarthritis Relief PAC	9/22/2021	\$3,500.00	P2022	2021 October Quarterly		
Arthritis Knee Pain Centers, LLC Osteoarthritis Relief PAC	7/29/2022	-\$5,000.00	N/A	2022 October Quarterly	\$2,100.00	310
Arthritis Knee Pain Centers, LLC Osteoarthritis Relief PAC	10/4/2021	\$5,000.00	G2022	2021 Year-End		
Arthritis Knee Pain Centers, LLC Osteoarthritis Relief PAC	12/31/2021	-\$4,200.00	G2022	2021 Year-End		
Arthritis Knee Pain Centers, LLC Osteoarthritis Relief PAC	7/29/2022	-\$5,000.00	N/A	2022 October Quarterly	\$2,100.00	88
Liberty Maritime Corporation PAC	5/27/2021	\$2,100.00	G2022	2021 July Quarterly		
Liberty Maritime Corporation PAC	11/8/2021	\$1,000.00	G2022	2021 Year-End		
Liberty Maritime Corporation PAC	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	G2022	2022 October Quarterly		
Liberty Maritime Corporation PAC	12/1/2023	-\$200.00	G2022	2023 12-Day Pre-Special	\$200.00	263
<b>Total Unremedied and Late-Remedied Excessive Contributions:</b>					<b>\$44,605.00</b>	

*\*The excessive portion of the 2022 General Election contributions cited in this chart were refunded outside of the permissible timeframe of the contributions' receipt and is therefore included in the violation amount in this referral.*

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2022 General Election Contributions Not Refunded and/or Refunded Outside the Permissible Timeframe, Listed by Contributor

Contributor Name	Date	Contribution Amount	Amount Not Remedied within Permissible Timeframe of Candidate's Non-Participation
<b>Contributions from Individuals</b>			
Checkla, Ira J	8/23/2021	\$2,975.00	
Checkla, Ira J	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	
Checkla, Ira J*	12/1/2023	-\$75.00	\$75.00
<i>*This amount was remedied outside of the permissible timeframe from the candidate's withdrawal from the election.</i>			
Cronin, Denis**	8/5/2021	\$5,800.00	
Cronin, Denis	12/31/2021	-\$2,800.00	
Cronin, Denis	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	\$100.00
<i>**The amount of \$100.00 was never remedied.</i>			
Fishlinger, Joan	8/16/2021	\$2,900.00	
Fishlinger, Joan*	12/1/2023	-\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
<i>*This amount was remedied outside of the permissible timeframe from the candidate's withdrawal from the election.</i>			
Gao, Hong Qin**	9/30/2021	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
<i>**The amount of \$2,100.00 was never remedied.</i>			
Goodman, Lorna B.	8/23/2021	\$4,300.00	
Goodman, Lorna B.	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	
Goodman, Lorna Bade*	12/1/2023	-\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
<i>*This amount was remedied outside of the permissible timeframe from the candidate's withdrawal from the election.</i>			
Kerr, Michael	8/26/2021	\$600.00	
Kerr, Michael	10/30/2021	\$2,500.00	
Kerr, Michael	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	
Kerr, Michael*	12/1/2023	-\$200.00	\$200.00
<i>*This amount was remedied outside of the permissible timeframe from the candidate's withdrawal from the election.</i>			
Liu, Fan	9/30/2021	\$2,930.00	
Liu, Fan*	12/1/2023	-\$2,930.00	\$2,930.00
<i>*This amount was remedied outside of the permissible timeframe from the candidate's withdrawal from the election.</i>			
<b>Contributions from Political Action Committees (PACs)</b>			
Liberty Maritime Corporation PAC	5/27/2021	\$2,100.00	
Liberty Maritime Corporation PAC	11/8/2021	\$1,000.00	
Liberty Maritime Corporation PAC	7/29/2022	-\$2,900.00	

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<b>Contributor Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contribution Amount</b>	<b>Amount Not Remedied within Permissible Timeframe of Candidate's Non-Participation</b>
Liberty Maritime Corporation PAC*	12/1/2023	-\$200.00	\$200.00
<i>*This amount was remedied outside of the permissible timeframe from the candidate's withdrawal from the election.</i>			
<b>Total Unremedied and Untimely Remedied:</b>			<b>\$9,905.00</b>

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Breakdown of Unremedied and Untimely Remedied Excessive Contributions (all reports)

<b>Total Amount of Excessive/Impermissible Receipts (all reports)*:</b>	<b>\$54,510.00</b>
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<b>Total Excessive/Impermissible Amount Remedied Outside of the Permissible Timeframe (all reports):</b>	<b>\$33,910.00</b>
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<b>Total Excessive/Impermissible Amount Unremedied (all reports):</b>	<b>\$20,600.00</b>
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<b>Total Referred (all reports):</b>	<b>\$54,510.00</b>
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*\*Includes the 2022 General Election contributions not remedied within the permissible timeframe.*