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REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL

TO

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

DATE: September 6, 2023

ANALYST: Mary Seiler

I. COMMITTEE:

Kumar for Congress
C00695866
Gary Tasser, Treasurer (4/11/23-Present)
Amit Maitra, Treasurer (2/18/23-4/10/23)
Surya Hotha, Treasurer (2/4/19-2/17/23)
2200 Laurelwood Rd.
Santa Clara, CA 95054

II. RELEVANT STATUTE:

52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(4)
11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)

III. BACKGROUND:

Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules (Failure to Disclose All Financial Activity)

Kumar for Congress (“the Committee”) failed to disclose all financial activity on its 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report. On February 10, 2023, the Committee filed an Amended 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report which disclosed additional disbursements of \$70,100.00 which were not disclosed in the original report (Attachment 1).

On November 2, 2022, the Committee filed the original [2022 12-Day Pre-General Report](#) covering the period from October 1, 2022 through October 19, 2022. The report disclosed no disbursements on Line 20(a) (Refunds of Contributions to Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees) of the [Detailed Summary Page](#) (Attachment 1).

On February 10, 2023, the Committee filed an [Amended 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report](#). The report disclosed disbursements of \$70,100.00 on Line 20(a) of the [Detailed Summary Page](#), a total increase of \$70,100.00 from the original report (Attachment 1).

On May 14, 2023, a [Request for Additional Information](#) (RAFI) was sent to the Committee referencing the Amended 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report, received February

10, 2023. The RFAI requested clarification regarding a significant increase in disbursements from those disclosed in the original report.

On August 11, 2023, the Committee filed an [FEC Form 99 \(Miscellaneous Electronic Submission\)](#), which stated:

“...after reviewing our filings, we discovered that a few campaign contributions had been inadvertently attributed to an incorrect election cycle ... This is the final list of refunds that will appear on our next filing. Amendments for prior submissions will follow. Happy to answer any questions.

Refund

Matt Sridhar\$2,700
 Shub Bhowmick\$2,700
 Jayant Somani\$2,900
 Sumita Somani\$2,900
 Mohan Thirumale\$2,900
 Vandana Thirumale\$2,900
 John Donovan\$5,800
 Harlan Crow\$2,900
 Kathy Crow\$2,900
 Rishi Yadav\$2,900
 Anjali Yadav\$2,900
 Vivek Tiwari\$2,900
 Gargi Choudhary\$2,900
 Srinivas Yella\$2,900
 Neelima Pedarla\$2,900
 Paramjit Lalia\$2,900
 Manpri Lalia\$2,900
 Thomas Dyal\$2,900
 Devyani Kamdar\$2,900
 Dave H\$2,900
 Chandar pattabhiram\$2,900
 Bill Gorman\$2,100
 Rishub\$2,900
 Jay Chaudhury \$1,100
 Poorva Gupta \$600”

Since November 9, 2022, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) logged sixteen (16) communications with a representative of the Committee which reflect efforts to help the Committee voluntarily comply with the Act regarding the matter referenced above. RAD was able to connect with the Committee on eight (8) occasions and notified Gary Tasser, Treasurer, that the Committee would be referred to another Commission office for further review. RAD advised the Committee to file a Miscellaneous Electronic Submission (FEC Form 99) with any clarifying information for the public record (Attachment 2).

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To date, no further communications have been received from the Committee regarding this matter. Filings and correspondence related to the Committee can be found here: [Kumar for Congress](#).

Kumar for Congress (C00695866)[2022 12-Day Pre-General Report/Amended 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report](#)Overview of Additional Disbursements

Report Line	<u>Original 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report</u>	<u>Amended 2022 12- Day Pre-General Report, received 2/10/2023</u>	Variance Amount
Line 20(a): Refunds of Contributions to Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees	\$0.00	\$70,100.00	\$70,100.00
		Total:	\$70,100.00

RECEIVED

By OGC/CELA at 10:49 am, Oct 02, 2023

From: [Rishi Kumar for U.S. Congress CA-16](#)
To: [CELA](#)
Cc: [Gary Tasser](#); rishi1@gmail.com
Subject: Re: MUR 8152 FEC Complaint Notification (Rishi Kumar)
Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023 4:45:25 PM

Kathryn,

We thank you for your email and highlighting the elements of the complaint. As you know, we have had a change of Treasurer earlier this year and in the transition, we completely skipped the filing of the Statement of Candidacy. Our Treasurers thought the other had completed this formality. We do follow all rules - and we did complete this critical step for the 2020 and the 2022 run, but did forget to finish this step.

We have now filed this statement of candidacy - see screenshot below. The contributions prior to today can be brought into compliance - and we would appreciate your feedback on how.

We look forward to your response back.

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FEC FORM 2: STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

ACCEPTED FEC-1726973 (Supersedes FEC-1313991)

The Candidate ID : H0CA18068

Thank you. Your filing has been successfully submitted to the FEC.

Click here to view your filing details

Click here to return to Webforms

Sincerely,

Rishi Kumar, Candidate for Congress
Gary Tasser, Treasurer