

May 11, 2006

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street
Washington, DC 20463

Re: FEC reports - Gonzalez for Congress (C00405282)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed FEC Forms 3 for the for the four quarters of the 2005 calendar year, and the first quarter of 2006 for the campaign committee, "Gonzalez for Congress." As Treasurer of this committee, I've been asked by Mr. Gonzalez to describe the extraordinary conditions surrounding the late filing of these forms, and to request an abatement of any filing penalties due to mitigating circumstances.

Once the November, 2004 election cycle was over, Mr. Gonzalez was free to resolve some of his deferred personal matters. At the beginning of 2005, Mr. Gonzalez was in the process of relocating his residence, and was staying with a friend during the interim. Since he could not give me a physical address at that time, I was compelled to use my own physical address for the Committee's Year-end report. Please note, I have changed the address in the first quarter, 2005 report to Mr. Gonzalez's new official domicile. During that time, I had conversations with Mr. Gonzalez as to whether we should file a terminating report, since he expressed no desire to run as a Libertarian in the next election cycle. He was unsure at that time, so I deferred filing the quarters until I could resolve the issue. You will note that during the 2005 calendar year, most contributions were for winding down expenses, and totaled less than \$1,000.

I lost touch with Mr. Gonzalez for most of the 2005 year, but in September of that year, he contacted me to inform me he was electing to run as a Democrat in the next election. I was so surprised, and upset that Mr. Gonzalez chose to change his party ticket that, I was contemplating resigning as his treasurer. Mr. Gonzalez made several overtures to retain me as his treasurer, and I finally relented at the end of 2005. I then resolved to complete all quarters, including the March, 2006 quarter by April 15th. Unfortunately, I discovered that Mr. Gonzalez had misplaced his records, including the campaign records for most of 2005 when he moved. This prevented me from getting the March, 2006 quarter in timely, since I had to first reconstruct the 2005 activity from copied bank records, and personal notations of contributions received, before I could bring the total-to-date figures forward into the March, 2006 quarter. Fortunately, the 2005 calendar year activity was minimal, and I was able to accurately depict all campaign activity during that time.

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It is respectfully requested that you abate any penalties based upon the circumstances outlined above. Also, please note that this was Mr. Gonzalez' first run for Congress, and my first time acting as a campaign treasurer. I assure you that all future reports will be filed timely, and accurately. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience at (305) 234-5688 or my physical address at 9734 SW 141st Drive; Miami, FL 33176-6738.

Sincerely,



Brian C. Bustamante
Treasurer - Gonzalez for Congress

Cc Mr. Frank Gonzalez

Enclosures

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