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Friends of Edwin W. Edwards
Principal Campaign Committee
FEC Identification Number C00560268
7901 Wrenwood Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

May 20, 2014

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

PRE-MUR # 573

**RE: Sua Sponte Submission of Complaint
Edwin W. Edwards – H4LA06161
Friends of Edwin W. Edwards – C00560268**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a self-reported complaint against Edwin W. Edwards, hereinafter referred to as the "Candidate", and Friends of Edwin W. Edwards, a principal campaign committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Campaign".

On May 20, 2014, the Campaign discovered violations relating to the failure to include "paid for" disclosures on materials distributed to the public and the failure to disclose contribution limits on fundraising materials. The Campaign hereby discloses these violations.

Facts

On Monday, May 19, 2014, supporters outside of the Campaign hosted a fundraiser at Impastato's Restaurant in Metairie, Louisiana. In the latter part of the prior week, these supporters prepared and distributed an invitation to the event (Exhibit 1). The invitation included contribution limits information as required by federal law. However, a "paid for" disclosure was omitted in error although required by 11 CFR 110.11(b)(2).

Trina Edwards, wife of the Candidate, publicized the invitation via the social media network, Facebook. The screenshot of the invitation inadvertently cropped out the contribution limits information (Exhibit 2). The screenshots appeared on several Facebook pages, including the Campaign's page.

On Tuesday, May 20, 2014, after the fundraiser, the Campaign discovered the violations when a reporter notified the Campaign that an opposing candidate's attorney filed a complaint. The Campaign has thus taken the following remedial actions and hereby self-reports the violations.

Remedial Actions



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Upon discovery of the violations, the Campaign and Trina Edwards removed all Facebook posts of the invitation screenshot. A formal notice of the error has been posted on the Campaign's Facebook account as well as the Campaign's website, www.edwinedwards4congress.com.

While the Campaign did not prepare the invitation, it failed to recognize that the invitation did not include the proper "paid for" disclosure before disseminating copies of the invitation. In the future, all fundraising materials published by campaign supporters will be checked for compliance by the accounting firm, Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC to ensure federal election rules are followed. Any such materials must be checked and approved prior to public dissemination of the materials.

Furthermore, any campaign fundraising materials published by the Campaign will follow the same formal check and approval procedure. Any materials not approved will be re-drafted until approval is granted.

After the check and approval process is completed, any and all social media posts of screenshots of fundraising materials will include the required disclosure information. The Campaign strongly asserts this was a simple mistake and any violation appertaining thereto was not intentional.

Finally, the Campaign and Candidate will fully cooperate with the Federal Election Commission's Office of General Counsel in the resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

Edwin W. Edwards, Candidate

Rachelle Marks, Treasurer of Friends of Edwin W. Edwards

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, Notary Public, this 20th day of May, 2014.

Lucius L. Morris, II
Notary Public ID 86332
LA State Bar Roll No 35257
My commission expires at death.



Friends of Former Governor Edwin W. Edwards

Invite you to a fundraiser for the 6th Congressional District Election

Monday, May 19, 2014

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Impastato's Restaurant
3400 36th Street, Metairie, La**

Food, Drinks, Music, Photo Book Signing

This event is a fundraiser. Contributions of any amount are appreciated.

Feel free to bring your friends!

Contributions to Edwin Edwards for Congress are not tax deductible. Federal Election law allows individuals to donate up to \$5,200 per election cycle: \$2,600 designated for the primary election and \$2,600 for the general election. Federal law requires this committee to report the name, address, occupation and employer for each individual whose contributions total \$200 or more during a calendar year. Personal Checks Only
Company, Corporate and Union contributions are prohibited.

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