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Identification Number: C 00321232

RE: Recognition of the California Reform Party Congressional Committee as an affiliate of the National Reform Party.

I would like to petition the Federal Election Commission, in the form of an advisory opinion, to recognize the California Reform Party Congressional Committee (CRPCC) as an affiliate of the National Reform Party.

I believe that the CRPCC has satisfied the definition and requirements set out in the Commission's statutes and advisory opinions to become an officially recognized state party committee of the National Reform Party.

This belief is based on the following rationalization:

1. The CRPCC was born in January 1996 with meetings between the congressional candidates in the state of California. All eleven (11) certified candidates for the March California primary were contracted for their input into forming a committee. All eleven were offered help in filing, with the FEC, the necessary Statement of Organizations, Financial Disclosure Reports and FEC reporting requirements.
2. Meetings were held in Sacramento and Los Angeles during February 1996 at which time it was agreed to form a committee and elections were held to elect officers. Bylaws were proposed on 2/24/96, amended on 6/8/96 and approved on 6/30/96 by seven (7) of the remaining ten congressional candidates after the March primary.
3. On July 22, 1996 the committee filed a Statement of Organization, FEC Form 1, with FEC as a state committee of the national Reform Party. The FEC on July 23, 1996 assigned the committee ID number C 00321232. On August 14, 1996, upon review by the FEC, the FEC requested additional information from the committee. An amended Statement of Organization was filed on August 26, 1996. The committee has filed all required reports to the FEC.

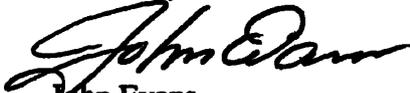
4. The committee held meetings at the Reform Party of California convention and a national press conference at the National Reform Party convention in Long Beach California. Goals of the California Reform Party Congressional Candidates was developed and were passed out along with requests for contribution at the national convention.

5. The CRPCC has and will continue to work on behalf of the Reform Party's presidential and federal candidates in the state of California .

6. The FEC, in an advisory opinion, AO 1996-51, qualified the Reform Party of Arkansas as a state committee of a political party. The fact that the National Reform Party has not received status as either a national party or a national committee has no bearing on the state committee status. AO 1996-43.

7. In January 1997, in accordance with the committee's bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, a meeting was held at which time John Place was continued as chair and John Evans was continued as Treasurer.

Sincerely,



John Evans
Treasurer CRPCC

Enclosures: CRPCC Bylaws
Goals of the California Reform Party Congressional Candidates

cc: Russ Verney, Chair National Reform Party

Paid for by the California Reform Party Congressional Committee
FEC # C 00321232

CRPCC

California Reform Party Congressional Committee

Goals of the California Reform Party Congressional Candidates

1. **To restore Trust and Faith in Congress, and return it to the people that it represents. The candidates will not take PAC or special interest money during the campaign or later in public service. They will not use negative or misleading advertisements or statements.**
2. **To commit to the highest standards of ethical conduct in Congress, and to cooperate with all others in Congress on a non-partisan basis to achieve results in the best interests of the American people.**
3. **To work for the reform of our government, and maintain a focus on the main issues as desired by the majority of Americans.**
4. **To support the Principles of Reform of the Reform Party, including: Job Creation and Trade Reform, Balanced Budget Amendment, Debt Reduction, a New Tax System, Term Limits, Campaign Finance and Lobby Reform, Line Item Veto, and Immigration Reform.**
5. **To take no money from any foreign lobbyists, nor work for any foreign or domestic lobbyists during public service or for a period of five years after serving as an elected official.**
6. **To vow to serve no more than three terms in the House of Representatives.**

Signed and attested to by:

John Place , CD 10

Valli Sharpe-Geldner , CD 15

John Evans , CD 21

Dick Porter , CD 22

Kevia Hambeck , CD 49

Dan Clark , CD 50

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John Evans, Treasurer

**CALIFORNIA REFORM PARTY
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

BYLAWS

Proposed 2/24/96

Amended 6/8/96

Approved 6/30/96

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of the committee is the California Reform Party Congressional Committee. The CRPCC Committee.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the CRPCC Committee is to:

- A.** Ensure, as far as possible, the election of members of the Reform Party of California to the United States House of Representatives.
- B.** To provide a vehicle to raise funds and provide support to the candidates of the Reform Party of California to the United States House of Representatives.
- C.** To provide training and support to those candidates who wish to participate.
- D.** To develop and implement a coordinated campaign.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. The CRPCC Committee shall consist of the following:

- A. Voting Members.**
 - 1.** All elected Congressman of the Reform Party of California.
 - 2.** All certified Congressional candidates of the Reform Party of California.
 - 3.** Any registered citizen of the Reform Party who can provide written documentation, in a form prescribed by the Executive Board of the CRPCC Committee, that he/she has participated for twenty hours in a certified Reform Party of California candidates campaign activities since the last general election of the most recent even numbered years.
- B. Associate non voting members.**
 - 1.** Any dues paying person who contribute to the CRPCC.

Section 2. Expiration of Membership.

- A.** With the exception of those achieving their membership by A (1) and A (2) above, membership shall expire on the date of the November general election held in each even number year.
- B.** Requalification of other membership shall begin following the November general election.

Section 3. Removal from Membership.

- A.** The CRPCC Committee may remove any member if, during his/her term of

membership, such member affiliates with or registers as a member of another political party; publicly avows preference for another political party; publicly advocates that the voters should not vote for the endorsed candidate of the Reform Party of California for any office; or fails to pay the prescribed dues as provided in Section 4 of this Article.

Section 4. Membership dues shall be twenty-five (25) dollars annually.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. Organizational Meeting

The regular biennial organizational meeting shall be held in January of every odd numbered year at an hour and place designated by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Meetings.

The CRPCC shall meet no less than twice (2) a year.

Section 3. Call To meeting.

The Chair, a majority of the Executive Board or one-third of the current membership may call such meetings as desired upon twenty (20) days written notice by certified mail to each member.

Section 4. Voting.

Every voting member shall have one vote and no proxy voting shall be permitted.

Section 5. Quorum.

A quorum shall consist of four (4) voting members.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the CRPCC Committee are the chair, co-chair, issues-chair secretary and treasurer.

Section 2. Elections.

A. The officers of the CRPCC Committee shall be elected at its regular biennial organizational meeting held in January of every odd numbered year.

B. Elections will be by written ballot. When there is only one candidate nominated, election shall be by acclamation. Officers must receive a majority vote to be elected. In the event a vote does not yield a majority, additional ballots shall be conducted between the top two candidates until a majority is obtained.

Section 3. Duties.

A. Chair. The chair shall serve as the chief executive officer and the official spokesperson of the CRPCC Committee and shall carry out its policies and purposes and shall pursue its interests to the best of his/her abilities.

B. Co-Chair. The vice-chair shall assume all duties of the chair in any absence of the chair and perform all other duties directed by the CRPCC Committee.

C. Issues-Chair The issues-chair shall develop issues that the committee will develop and present to the voters.

D. Secretary. The secretary shall (a) have custody of all membership records, attendance records and documents of the CRPCC Committee and its Executive board; (b) attend all meetings of the CRPCC Committee and its Executive Board and take records of the proceedings of such meetings.

- E. Treasurer. The treasurer shall (a) collect the dues from the membership; (b) be responsible for receipt and custody of the CRPCC Committee's funds; (c) keep the financial records of the CRPCC Committee; (d) file the appropriate Federal and State campaign disclosure reports; (e) sign all checks as authorized by its Executive Board.

ARTICLE V

Executive Board

- Section 1.** The CRPCC Executive board shall consist of all officers of the CRPCC Committee.
- Section 2.** The Executive board shall be responsible for administrative, procedural and policy implementation of the CRPCC Committee, shall approve disbursements of funds and shall have all power and duties of the CRPCC Committee between meetings.
- Section 3.** Vacancies. Should a member elected as an officer of the CRPCC Committee Executive Board cease to be a member of the CRPCC Committee for any reason, such vacancy must be filled by a vote of the CRPCC Committee within thirty (30) days or at the next regular scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Support of Candidates

- Section 1.** Use of the CRPCC Committee name. The name of the CRPCC Committee, either expressed or implied, shall not be used by any person or group for the purpose of claiming either the support or opposition of the committee to any proposition or candidate unless said person or group first obtain such endorsement in the manner set forth in this article
- Section 2.** No endorsement, either expressed or implied, shall be made by any person or group except by the majority vote of all registered Reform Party voters in the Congressional District.

ARTICLE VII

Procedure

- Section 1.** These Bylaws shall, to the extent not inconsistent with Federal and State Laws, govern the organization, operation and functions of the CRPCC Committee.
- Section 2.** The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern for all matters not governed by these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

- Section 1.** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the CRPCC Committee present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the CRPCC Committee provided that (a) such amendment shall have been presented at the previous meeting, or (b) the text of the proposed amendment shall have been included with the notice of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.
- Section 2.** These Bylaws must be either amended or ratified at the next organizational meeting of the CRPCC Committee by majority vote of those members of the CRPCC Committee present and voting.



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Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
General Council

Dear Mr. Noble:

This refers to your letter dated April 8, 1997, which requested a more complete description of facts in regards to an advisory opinion which I had requested. Following is my reply to that request.

1. The California Reform Party Congressional Committee (CRPCC) FEC # C00321232 is not affiliated with the Reform Party of California (RP/CA). The CRPCC has total and complete controls over all the day to day operations of the committee. The only relationship is that some members of the CRPCC are also members of the RP/CA. There is no financial, advisory or anyother relationship between the two groups. As of 6/30/97 the RP/CA had not filed for state party status or as a political committee with the FEC. The RP/CA did not give any support for or against the Federal Candidates for Congress in California in 1996. The CRPCC is not affiliated with anyother State-wide organization of the Reform Party.

2. The CRPCC has no relationship with the National Reform Party or any other Reform Party organizations. The board of the CRPCC met with Mr. Russ Verney, Chairman of the National Reform Party on June 21 in San Jose, CA. He stated that the National Reform Party has not filed for status as the National Party of the Reform Party yet. I discussed this matter in depth with Mr. Matt Sawyer, legal council for the National Reform Party and at this time they are uncertain as to the direction they are going to adopt.

3. The CRPCC has not and will not support anyother Reform Party candidates for election to the Senate, or State-wide office, or to the U.S. presidency except to the extent that our effort to get out the vote and to build the Reform Party in California will also help other candidates.

4. Enclosed are seven signed statements of support or affinity with the CRPCC from the 1996 California Federal Candidates of the Reform Party. While the CRPCC made itself available to all ten Federal candidates in California these seven were the only one's that took advantage of the committee.

5. Refer to # 2. and statement below.

The Reform Party National Organizing Committee (NOC) has not, at this time, filed for national party status. In AO 1996-43 the FEC stated "The fact that the National Reform Party has not received status as either a national party or a national committee has no bearing on the decision about Reform Party/AR's qualifies as a state party committee." In AO 1996-51 the FEC stated that the Reform Party of Arkansas constitutes a state committee of a political party and as a political party.

What the CRPCC is requesting is to be a Local Party Committee that is completely independent of anyother state committee. We will be the successor to the Reform Party Congressional Campaign Committee when and if it is formed and organized. Our operation area will be within the state of California only, until such time that a national congressional campaign committee is formed.

Respectfully submitted,


John Evans
Treasurer



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**Attn: Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel**

Dear Mr. Noble,

I, John Evans, was the 1996 Federal candidate for the Reform Party and attained ballot access in California for both the 1996 primary and general elections. I was the candidate in the 21th Congressional District.

I support and acknowledge the authority of the California Reform Party Congressional Committee FEC # C 00321232 to represent the Reform Party in the State of California on the Federal level.

I support the committee's request for State party committee status.

Sincerely,


John Evans



April 27, 1997.

Federal Election Commission,
999 "E" Street, N.W.,
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Attn: Mr. Lawrence M. Noble.
General Counsel.

Dear Mr. Noble:

I, John Place, was the 1996 Federal Candidate for the Reform Party and attained ballot access in California for both the 1996 primary and general elections. I was the candidate in the 10th Congressional District.

I support and acknowledge the authority of the California Reform Party Congressional Committee FEC # C 00321232 to represent the 'Reform Party in the State' of California on the Federal level.

I support the committee's request for State Party Committee status.

Yours truly,

John Place.

**JOHN PLACE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE
DISTRICT 10**

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Attn: Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Dear Mr. Noble,

I, Valli Sharpe-Geisler, was the 1996 Federal candidate for the Reform Party and attained ballot access in California for both the 1996 primary and general elections. I was the candidate in the 15th Congressional District.

During 1996 I worked on the California Reform Party Congressional Committee forming effort and was elected co-chair. As Article II, Section 1 of the bylaws states below, our basic purpose was to put our candidates in Congress and to create a support structure to accomplish goal.

ARTICLE II Purpose

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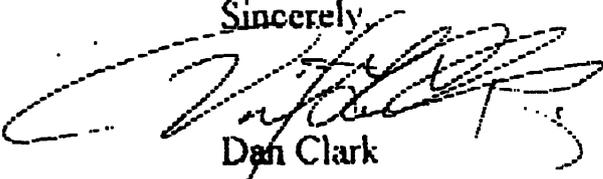
Dear Mr. Noble,

I, Dan Clark, was the 1996 Federal candidate for the Reform Party and attained ballot access in California for both the 1996 primary and general elections. I was the candidate in the 50th Congressional District.

I support and acknowledge the authority of the California Reform Party Congressional Committee FEC # C 00321232 to represent the Reform Party in the State of California on the Federal level.

I support the committee's request for State party committee status.

Sincerely,


Dan Clark

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Attn: Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Dear Mr. Noble,

I, Kevin Phillip Hamsch, was the 1996 Federal candidate for the Reform Party and attained ballot access in California for both the 1996 primary and general elections. I was the candidate in the 49th Congressional District.

I support and acknowledge the authority of the California Reform Party Congressional Committee FEC # C 00321252 to represent the Reform Party in the State of California on the Federal level.

I support the committee's request for State party committee status

Sincerely,

Kevin Phillip Hamsch 10/29/97

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Attn: Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
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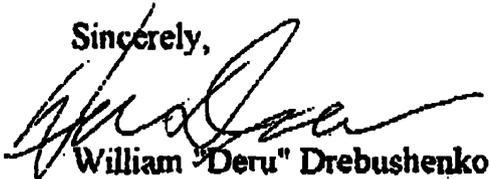
Dear Mr. Noble,

I, William "Deru" Drebushenko, was the 1996 Federal candidate for the Reform Party and attained ballot access in California for both the 1996 primary and general elections. I was the candidate in the 48th Congressional District.

I support and acknowledge the authority of the California Reform Party Congressional Committee FEC # C 00321232 to represent the Reform Party in the State of California on the Federal level.

I support the committee's request for State party committee status.

Sincerely,



William "Deru" Drebushenko

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Attn: Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Dear Mr. Noble,

I, Richard D. Porter, was the 1996 Federal candidate for the Reform Party and attained ballot access in California for both the 1996 primary and general elections. I was the candidate in the 22th Congressional District.

I support and acknowledge the authority of the California Reform Party Congressional Committee FEC # C 00321232 to represent the Reform Party in the State of California on the Federal level.

I support the committee's request for State party committee status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard D. Porter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard D. Porter