



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

AUG 19 2004

Alan K. Bloom
Treasurer
Lautenberg for U.S. Senate Committee
One Newark Center
Newark, NJ 07102

RE: MUR 5279

Dear Mr. Bloom:

On June 22, 2004, the Federal Election Commission entered into a conciliation agreement with Charles Kushner and 40 Associated Partnerships regarding over \$500,000 in improper federal political contributions. These contributions, some of which were made to your Committee, violated Commission partnership contribution regulations because the partnership failed to obtain the agreement of the partners to whom the contributions were attributed, pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(e)(2). The contributions found to be in violation were made between December 5, 1997 and August 17, 2000 for the 1999-2000 election cycle. *See Attached List.*

Lautenberg for U.S. Senate Committee was not a respondent in this matter. The Commission reminds you, however, that the treasurer of a political committee is responsible for examining all contributions received by the political committee for evidence of legality. 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b). Contributions that present genuine questions as to whether they were made by legal sources may be deposited into a campaign depository or returned to the contributor. If any such contribution is deposited, the treasurer shall make his or her best efforts to determine the legality of the contribution. 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b)(1). If the treasurer determines that at the time a contribution was received and deposited, it did not appear to be illegal, but later discovers that it is illegal based on new evidence not available to the political committee at the time of receipt and deposit, the treasurer shall refund or disgorge the contribution within thirty days of the date on which the illegality was discovered. 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b)(2). *See AO 1996-5.*

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Dutt".

Kathleen Dutt
Attorney

Enclosure
Contributor's List

Lautenberg for US Senate Committee
(Contributions)

Contributor	Partnership/LLC	Date	Recipient Committee	Amount
Ages, Abby Jo	Sparta Building Associates	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	Sparta Building Associates	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Eichler, Bernard	Township Associates	12/5/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	Township Associates	12/5/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Kaplowitz, Seth	Elmwood V. Associates LP	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	Elmwood V. Associates LP	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Kushner, Jonathan		12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
		12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Laulicht, Shellie	Harbor Island Realty Assoc. LP	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	Harbor Island Realty Assoc. LP	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Scheinerman, Mel	Glen Ellen Associates	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	Glen Ellen Associates	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Schenkman, Mark	Q.E.M. Assoc. LLC	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	Q.E.M. Assoc. LLC	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Schuler, Esther		5/17/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
		5/17/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Schulder, Jessica	General Greene Assoc. LP	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	General Greene Assoc. LP	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Serwitz, Melissa		12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
		12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Sims, John	Westminster Sales & Marketing	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
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Tarapchak, Alex	Edgewater Apartments Associates	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	Edgewater Apartments Associates	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
Wulack, Edith	Sod Farms Associates	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000
	Sod Farms Associates	12/10/1997	Lautenberg for US Senate Committee	\$1,000