



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Democratic Party of Hawaii
Yuriko Sugimura, Treasurer
770 Kapiolani Boulevard
Suite 115
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: MUR 5659

Dear Ms. Sugimura:

On May 19, 2005, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe the Democratic Party of Hawaii and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4)(H)(v) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.10(b)(4), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and the Commission's regulations. These findings were based upon information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). The Audit Report, which more fully explains the Commission's findings, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit such materials to the General Counsel's Office within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred

Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records and materials relating to this matter until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

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Requests for extensions of time will not be routinely granted. Requests must be made in writing at least five days prior to the due date of the response and specific good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact Kamau Philbert, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Scott E. Thomas
Chairman

Enclosures
Audit Report

Designation of Counsel Form
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