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September 26, 2014

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration
Attn: Kim Collins, Paralegal
999 E Street, NW
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Re: MUR 6865

Dear Ms. Collins:

I am writing on behalf of the Vargas for Congress Committee and Nancy Haley, the Committee's Treasurer, in response to the Complaint filed by Stephen Meade, which was forwarded to Ms. Haley by the FEC and was received by her on September 17, 2014. A copy of the Statement of Designation of Counsel authorizing my representation of Vargas for Congress and Ms. Haley in this matter is included with this response.

Mr. Meade, as you may be aware, is Congressman Vargas' opponent in the upcoming November election, and his Complaint is nothing more than an attempt to garner some publicity for his failing and futile campaign. On its face, the Complaint does not allege any violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act ("FECA" or the "Act") by either the Vargas for Congress Committee or Ms. Haley. Indeed, Mr. Meade's Complaint does not cite any specific provision of the Act that the Vargas for Congress Committee is alleged to have violated, but merely asserts that Mr. Meade "see[s] this as unfair, possibly illegal campaigning by my opponent."

Given the absence of any specific allegation of a violation of the Act, it is difficult to know how even to respond to the Complaint. As best as can be determined from the minimal information provided in Mr. Meade's Complaint, he contends that Congressman Vargas "was aided to election [sic] in 2012 to the U.S. Congress by an illegal cash contribution of \$30,000," and he "infers" from the Indictment referenced in his Complaint (but not included with his filing, at least not in the copy forwarded to Ms. Haley) that (1) the source of the donation was illegal; (2) Congressman Vargas knew about the donation and knew that it was "an illegal, indirect contribution but did not report it"; and (3) a "Democrat Political Committee [sic] . . . refuses to acknowledge it was the recipient of the money and used it to help Vargas campaign of 2012." Neither Congressman Vargas, the Vargas for Congress Committee, or Ms. Haley have any knowledge about the first point — whether "the source of the donation was illegal" — but the

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second and third "inferences" are demonstrably untrue.

A copy of the indictment referenced in Mr. Meade's Complaint is included with this response. As noted in Mr. Meade's Complaint, paragraph 22.0 (beginning on page 9, line 27) alleges that "at JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's direction, Marc Chase wrote a \$30,000 check to political party committee associated with Candidate 2's campaign for federal office." "Candidate 2" does indeed appear to refer to Congressman Vargas, but the "political party committee associated with Candidate 2's campaign for federal office" does not refer to the Vargas for Congress Committee. Rather, the committee referenced in this paragraph appears to be the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee ("DCCC"), which did in fact report the receipt of a \$30,000 contribution from "Marc Chase, 7440 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, CA" on September 30, 2012. (A copy of the page from the DCCC's October 2012 FEC Report disclosing that contribution is also included with this response.) The Vargas for Congress Committee did not itself receive any contributions from either Marc Chase or Jose Susumo Azano Matsura. Furthermore, neither Congressman Vargas nor the Vargas for Congress Committee had any knowledge that the contribution to the DCCC may have been made by anyone other than Marc Chase, as was reported by the DCCC. Significantly, the indictment does not state, suggest, or otherwise imply that Congressman Vargas or the Vargas for Congress Committee had any knowledge that Mr. Chase's contribution came from anyone other than Mr. Chase himself. Thus, Mr. Meade's allegation on "inference" that Mr. Vargas "knew [the contribution to the DCCC] was an illegal, indirect contribution but did not report it" is totally false and is completely unsupported — either by the indictment itself or by any other evidence.

Moreover, the DCCC is "associated with [Congressman Vargas'] campaign for federal office" only to the extent that Congressman Vargas was indeed the Democratic Party's candidate for election to the 51st Congressional District in 2012. Congressman Vargas, however, was running for office in a "safe" Democratic district, and he was not in a competitive election. To his knowledge, the DCCC did not expend any resources on his behalf during the 2012 election cycle. As the campaign disclosure reports filed by both the DCCC and the Vargas for Congress Committee confirm, the DCCC made no contributions to the Vargas for Congress Committee, and it made no independent expenditures in support of Congressman Vargas' election. The indictment likewise does not state, suggest, or otherwise imply that Mr. Chase's contribution to the DCCC was actually used, directly or indirectly, to support Congressman Vargas' campaign. Accordingly, Mr. Meade's allegation on "inference" that "[a] Democrat Political Committee . . . refuses to acknowledge it was the recipient of the money and used it to help Vargas campaign of 2012" is also totally false and is completely unsupported — either by the indictment or by any other evidence.

Finally, we would point out that the events referenced in Mr. Meade's Complaint are alleged to have taken place in September 2012. At that time, Respondent Nancy Haley was not the Treasurer of the Vargas for Congress Committee; she did not assume that position and

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responsibility until February 2013, as reflected in the FEC 1 filed with the Commission.

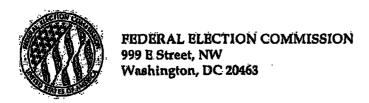
In sum, there is utterly no merit to Mr. Meade's Complaint. Respondents respectfully request that the Complaint be summarily dismissed without further action.

Sincerely,

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

September 2013 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA (1),
aka Mr. A.,
aka Mr. Lambo,
RAVNEET SINGH (2),
aka Ravi Singh,

ELECTIONMALL, INC. (3), MARCO POLO CORTES (4),

Defendants.

Case No. __14CR0388-MMA

<u>INDICTMENT</u> (Superseding)

Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 371 -Conspiracy to Commit Offenses Against the United States; Title 2, U.S.C., Secs. 437g(d)(1)(A) and 441e(a)(1)(A) -Campaign Donation or Contribution by a Foreign National Aggregating \$25,000 or More; Title 2, U.S.C., Secs. 437g(d)(1)(A) and 441f -Contribution in the Name of Another Aggregating \$25,000 or More: Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 1519 Falsification of Records; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 201(b) -Bribery; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 922(g)(5)(B) - Alien in Possession of a Firearm; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2 - Aiding and Abetting; Title 18, U.S.C., Secs. 924(g) and 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, U.S.C., Sec. 2461(c) -Criminal Forfeiture

The grand jury charges:

Principles Governing the Integrity of Elections

1. Citizens of the United States have a right to choose their political representatives through free and fair elections. To promote the integrity of these elections, Congress enacted a series of rules governing campaign finance.

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- 2. Among other things, Congress prohibited foreign influence in the electoral process. Accordingly, Title 2 of the United States Code prohibits any "foreign national" from making donations, contributions or expenditures in support of any candidate at the federal, state or local level.
- 3. Congress also promoted transparency in the electoral process. Both Title 2 and Title 18 of the United States Code prohibit the use of so-called "conduit" or "straw" donors, as well as other methods designed to conceal the source of campaign financing.

Individuals Involved

- 4. JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, aka Mr. A., aka Mr. Lambo, was a businessman who maintained two houses in Coronado, California. Among other things, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA provided eavesdropping software and other technology to foreign governments. JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA was a citizen of Mexico, and not a citizen of the United States, and had never applied for, nor obtained, legal permanent resident status in the United States. As a result, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA was a "foreign national" under Title 2 of the United States Code, and was prohibited from making donations and contributions directly or indirectly in support of any candidate for elective office in the United States at the federal, state or local level.
- 5. In or about 2011, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA began to involve himself in San Diego politics. As part of this involvement, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA made large donations in support of candidates for elective office in San Diego.
- 6. RAVNEET SINGH, aka Ravi Singh, was the President of ELECTIONMALL, INC. and at all times worked on its behalf and for its benefit. According to its website, ELECTIONMALL, INC. specialized in

providing social media services to political campaigns throughout the world. RAVNEET SINGH, who styled himself the "campaign guru," worked principally out of offices in Washington, D.C.

- 7. Marc Alan Chase ("Marc Chase"), who is charged elsewhere, was the managing member of South Beach Acquisitions, Inc. and West Coast Acquisitions, LLC, both of which are also charged elsewhere. Through these corporations, Marc Chase sold luxury automobiles and other goods. One of Marc Chase's customers was JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA.
- 8. Ernesto Encinas, who is charged elsewhere, was a retired San Diego Police Department ("SDPD") detective and the owner of a private security and consulting business. Ernesto Encinas oversaw JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's protection detail.
- 9. MARCO POLO CORTES was a San Diego-based lobbyist. According to public filings, MARCO POLO CORTES lobbied SDPD officials, city councilmembers, members of council staff and mayoral staff.

Campaigns for Elective Office in San Diego

- 10. In 2012 and 2013, a series of elections took place within the Southern District of California. During the 2012 primary election cycle, a person hereinafter referred to as "Candidate 1" ran for the office of Mayor of San Diego.
- 11. During the 2012 primary and general election cycles, a person hereinafter referred to as "Candidate 2" ran for the office of United States Representative for the 51st Congressional District of California. Also during the 2012 primary and general election cycles, a person hereinafter referred to as "Candidate 3" ran for the office of Mayor of San Diego.

12. During a 2013 special election cycle, a person hereinafter referred to as "Candidate 4" ran for the office of Mayor of San Diego.

Campaign Finance Methods and Public Records

- 13. There were various ways to provide financial assistance to a campaign for elective office.
- 14. For example, a person could make a contribution or donation directly to a candidate. Contributions and donations could be made in the form of money, or in the form of some other thing of value, such as goods or services. When a person made a donation in the form of goods or services, it was generally referred to as an "in-kind" contribution or donation.
- 15. Also for example, a person could make a contribution or donation to an independent expenditure committee, also referred to as an "IE," "PAC" or "SuperPAC." Similarly, a person could make a contribution or donation to a committee of a political party. These independent expenditure committees and political party committees, in turn, could spend the money to support a particular candidate.
- 16. These various types of financial support and spending had to be reported to government agencies, which maintained records that the public and law enforcement agencies could access.
- 17. For instance, the Federal Election Commission maintained a record of contributions made in connection with federal elections. The State of California maintained a record of donations to political committees organized at the county level. The City of San Diego maintained a record of donations to campaigns and independent expenditure committees, as well as a record of expenditures made by independent expenditure committees.

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18. The Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") was a United States executive branch agency. Among other things, the FBI was responsible for investigating the potential influence of foreign money in American elections, including the donations, contributions and expenditures of foreign nationals. The FBI was further responsible for investigating illegal campaign contributions and expenditures of all types, as well as the bribery and attempted bribery of public officials.

Count 1: Conspiracy

(18 U.S.C. § 371)

- 19. Allegations 1 through 18 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- 20. Beginning on a date unknown and continuing up through September 2013, in the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, aka Mr. A., aka Mr. Lambo, RAVNEET SINGH, aka Ravi Singh, ELECTIONMALL, INC., and MARCO POLO CORTES did knowingly conspire together and with others, including Ernesto Encinas and Marc Chase, each charged elsewhere, to commit offenses against the United States, to wit:
 - a. Campaign Donation and Contribution by a Foreign National Aggregating \$25,000 and More in a Calendar Year, in violation of Title 2, United States Code, Sections 437g(d)(1)(A) and 441e(a)(1)(A); and
 - Falsification of Records in violation of Title 18,
 United States Code, Section 1519.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

21. furtherance ο£ this conspiracy, and to its AZANO objects, defendants JOSE SUSUMO MATSURA, aka A., Mr.

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aka Mr. Lambo, RAVNEET SINGH, aka Ravi Singh, ELECTIONMALL, INC., MARCO POLO CORTES and other coconspirators used the following manner and means among others:

- a. JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA and others would survey candidates for various elective offices in San Diego to determine which ones they should support.
- b. JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA would seek a private meeting with a candidate.
- c. To coordinate between JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA and candidates, Ernesto Encinas and MARCO POLO CORTES would act as intermediaries, communicating with campaign staff and other stakeholders about how JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA could lend financial support.
- d. Once JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA decided to support a candidate, he and his coconspirators would design secret methods of financing that candidate's campaign.
- e. On some occasions, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA would use individuals as conduits, or "straw donors," for his campaign donations. JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA would provide these straw donors with money up front, or reimburse them later, for donations they made on his behalf.
- f. On other occasions, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA would use Marc Chase as a conduit for large amounts of cash. At JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's direction, Marc Chase would write checks to political party and independent expenditure committees that JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA knew would support his candidates of choice.

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g.	JOSE SUSUMO	AZANO MATSUR	A would als	so use	companies	and an
	independent	expenditure	committee o	of his	own creat	ion to
	direct money	y to the cand	idates he si	upporte	≘d.	

- h. As JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA used increasingly secret ways of influencing political campaigns, he and RAVNEET SINGH arranged unreported in-kind contributions to various candidates. Through his company, ELECTIONMALL, INC., RAVNEET SINGH would provide social media services to the candidates that JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA supported.
- i. JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA would then fund ELECTIONMALL,
 INC.'s services, using a Mexico-based company to transmit
 payment to ELECTIONMALL, INC.'s bank account, never
 providing any invoice or other bill of costs to the
 campaigns themselves.
- j. Ultimately, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, RAVNEET SINGH, ELECTIONMALL, INC., MARCO POLO CORTES and others would ensure that JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's name did not appear on public filings in connection with the illegal contributions and donations.

Overt Acts

22. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect its objects, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Southern District of California and elsewhere:

Early Financial Support of Candidate 1 :

a. In late December 2011, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA instructed Marc Chase to recruit employees and friends to act as straw donors for donations to Candidate 1.

- b. In late December 2011, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA caused approximately \$10,000 in cash, as well as preprinted envelopes, to be delivered to Marc Chase.
- c. Between December 2011 and January 2012, as instructed, Marc Chase recruited employees and friends to donate to Candidate 1, giving them each between \$500 and \$1,000 of the money JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA had provided, and advising many that the cash had come from JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA.
- d. In late 2011 or early 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA met Candidate 1 at his house in Coronado.
- e. In about May 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA agreed to create, and did help create, an independent expenditure committee supporting Candidate 1.
- f. On or about May 2, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA invested \$100,000 in the independent expenditure committee.

JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA'S In-Kind Donations to Candidate 1

- g. On or about February 26, 2012, ELECTIONMALL, INC. sent an email, carbon copying RAVNEET SINGH and JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, and attaching an invoice that reflected \$75,000 for "promot[ing]" online outreach in support of Candidate 1.
- h. On or about March 13, 2012, ELECTIONMALL, INC. sent another email, again carbon copying RAVNEET SINGH and JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, indicating: "Enclosed is the invoice for the betty boo project for 100k it was originally 75 but Mr Singh explained the need for the additional 25

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during	his	last	visit	to	San	Diego	and	Mr	A	verbally
agreed	[sic]	."								

i. On or about June 13, 2012, RAVNEET SINGH replied to an email from Ernesto Encinas, admonishing him not to discuss their illegal campaign financing in writing: "I am not responding to this email. Because of the legal ramifications. Please talk to me . . in person . . ."

JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA'S Straw Donations to Candidates 2 and 3

- j. On or about August 17, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA,

 MARCO POLO CORTES, Ernesto Encinas and Candidate 3 met at

 JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's house in Coronado, California.
- k. On or about August 21, 2012, MARCO POLO CORTES received, and forwarded to Ernesto Encinas, an email from a representative of Candidate 2 that included a link to the Federal Election Commission's rules governing the prohibition against contributions by foreign nationals.
- 1. On or about September 17, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA met Candidate 2 for dinner in downtown San Diego.
- m. In about August and September, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, MARCO POLO CORTES and Ernesto Encinas discussed how best to support Candidate 2 and Candidate 3's campaigns.
- n. In or about September 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, accompanied by Ernesto Encinas, instructed Marc Chase to make certain large contributions in support of Candidates 2 and 3.
- On or about September 24, 2012, at JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's direction, Marc Chase wrote a \$30,000 check to a

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- political party committee associated with Candidate 2's campaign for federal office.
- On or about September 27, 2012, at JOSE SUSUMO AZANO p. MATSURA's direction, Marc Chase wrote a \$120,000 check to an independent expenditure committee supporting Candidate 3's campaign for mayor.
- On or about September 27, 2012, at JOSE SUSUMO AZANO q. MATSURA's direction, Marc Chase wrote a \$30,000 check to a political party committee associated with Candidate 3's campaign for mayor.
- In September or October 2012, MARCO POLO CORTES personally delivered the \$120,000 check to a representative of the independent expenditure committee.
- On or about October 2, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA ø. caused a \$380,000 check to be given to Marc Chase.
- On or about October 2, 2012, as agreed between Marc Chase t. and JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, Marc Chase deposited this \$380,000 check, using \$180,000 as reimbursement for the campaign contributions he had written on about September 24 and 27, 2012.

JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA'S In-Kind Contributions to Candidate 3

- In or about October 2012, RAVNEET SINGH, Ernesto Encinas u. and MARCO POLO CORTES visited Candidate 3's campaign offices and told staff that they were authorized to handle Candidate 3's social media efforts.
- In or about October 2012, when asked to provide a quote for their services, RAVNEET SINGH represented that the expenses would be "taken care of."

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1	W.	In or about October 2012, RAVNEET SINGH and MARCO POLO
2		CORTES created a "war room" within the campaign offices of
3		Candidate 3.
4	x.	On or about October 15, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA
5	,	caused a Mexico-based company to transmit \$96,980 to
6		ELECTIONMALL, INC. for the purpose of funding social media
7	<i>;</i> :	services supporting Candidate 3.
8	у.	On or about October 29, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA
9		caused the same Mexico-based company to transmit \$94,975
10		to ELECTIONMALL, INC. for the purpose of funding social
11		media services supporting Candidate 3.
12	z.	In or about December 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA
13		invited Candidate 3 to his home in Coronado Cays.
14	•	The Special Mayoral Election
15	aa.	On or about August 1, 2013, acting as JOSE SUSUMO AZANO
16	•	MATSURA's agent, Ernesto Encinas spoke with a personal
17	1 2	friend of Candidate 4 (who did not know about the meeting)
18	<u> </u>	and asked whether Candidate 4 would be interested in
19	<u>.</u>	"foreign investment."
20.	bb.	On or about August 28, 2013, Ernesto Encinas and
21		MARCO POLO CORTES met with the friend of Candidate 4 (who
22		did not know about the meeting) to discuss how JOSE SUSUMO
23		AZANO MATSURA might be able to support his candidacy.
24	All in viola	tion of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

Count 2: Conspiracy
(18 U.S.C. § 371)

23. Allegations 1 through 18 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.

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- 24. Beginning on a date unknown and continuing through September 2013, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, aka Mr. A., aka Mr. Lambo, and MARCO POLO CORTES did knowingly conspire together and with others, including Ernesto Encinas and Marc Chase, each charged elsewhere, to commit an offense against the United States to wit, Contribution in the Name of Another Aggregating \$25,000 and More in a Calendar Year, in violation of Title 2, United States Code, Sections 437g(d)(1)(A) and 441f.
- 25. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect its object, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Southern District of California and elsewhere:
 - a. On or about August 21, 2012, MARCO POLO CORTES received, and forwarded to Ernesto Encinas, an email from a representative of Candidate 2 that included a link to the Federal Election Commission's rules governing the prohibition against contributions by foreign nationals.
 - b. In or about September 17, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA met Candidate 2 for dinner in downtown San Diego.
 - c. In about August and September, 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO
 MATSURA, MARCO POLO CORTES and Ernesto Encinas discussed
 how best to support Candidate 2 and Candidate 3's
 campaigns.
 - d. In or about September 2012, JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, accompanied by Ernesto Encinas, instructed Marc Chase to make certain large contributions in support of Candidates 2 and 3.

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All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

Count 3: Donation and Contribution by a Foreign National

(2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(d)(1)(A) and 441e(a)(1)(A))

- 26. Allegations 1 through 18 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- 27. From in or about May 2012 through in or about November 2012, within the Southern District of California, defendant JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, aka Mr. A., aka Mr. Lambo, RAVNEET SINGH, aka Ravi Singh, ELECTIONMALL, INC., and MARCO POLO CORTES willfully did directly and indirectly make a contribution and donations of a foreign national aggregating \$25,000 and more during a calendar year in connection with federal and local elections to wit,
 - a. by donating \$100,000 of JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA'S money to an independent expenditure committee that supported Candidate 1's campaign for the office of Mayor of San Diego during the 2012 primary election cycle;
 - b. by donating approximately \$128,000 of services to Candidate 1's campaign for the office of Mayor of San Diego during the 2012 primary election cycle, as financed by JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA;
 - c. by contributing \$30,000 of JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's money to a political committee that supported candidates for federal office;

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- by donating \$120,000 of JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's money to d. independent expenditure committee that supported Candidate 3's campaign for the office of Mayor of San Diego during the 2012 general election cycle;
- by making a donation of \$30,000 to a political committee е., that supported Candidate 3's campaign for the office of Mayor of San Diego during the 2012 general election cycle;
- £. by donating services worth approximately \$190,000, financed by defendant JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA to Candidate 3's campaign for the office of Mayor of San Diego during the 2012 general election cycle;

all in violation of Title 2, United States Code, Sections 437g(d)(1)(A) and 441e(a)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 4: Contribution in the Name of Another

(2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(d)(1)(A) and 441f)

- 28. Allegations 1 through 18 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- On or about September 24, 2012, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, aka 21 Mr. A., aka Mr. Lambo, and MARCO POLO CORTES willfully did make a contribution in the name of another aggregating \$25,000 and more during a calendar year in connection with federal elections - to wit, by contributing \$30,000 of defendant JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA's money 25 in Marc Chase's name to a committee of a political party supporting 26 federal candidates; all in violation of Title 2, United States Code, 27 Section 437g(d)(1)(A) and 441f, and Title 18, United States Code, 28 Section 2.

Counts 5-24: Falsification of Records Related to Campaign Finance

(18 U.S.C. § 1519)

30. Allegations 1 through 18 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.

31. On the dates below, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, aka Mr. A., aka Mr. Lambo, RAVNEET SINGH, aka Ravi Singh, ELECTIONMALL, INC., and MARCO POLO CORTES, as set forth below, did knowingly alter, conceal, cover up, falsify and make a false entry into a record and document with the intent to impede, obstruct and influence the investigation and proper administration of matters within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation – to wit, by concealing and covering up, in records specified below, the fact that defendant JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA was the true source of the following campaign donations and contributions:

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS /	RECORD	CONTRIBUTION FALSELY REPRESENTED TO BE MADE BY
5	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - Marc Chase
6	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - R.C.
7	12/29/11	Jose Susumo Azano matsura	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - O.F.
8	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - L.Z.
9	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - S.H.
10	12/31/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - K.H.

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1	11	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - C.P.
3	12	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - R.A.
4 5	13	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - E.G.
6	14	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - T.G.
8	15	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - W.N.
9 10	16	12/29/11	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - S.N.
11 12	17	1/2/12	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - Mi.P.
13	18	1/2/12	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$500 - Ma.P.
15	19	February 2012	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA;	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Donations to Candidate 1	\$128,000 - Unreported
16 17			RAVNEET SINGH; ELECTIONMALL		
18 19	20 .	5/2/12	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Independent Expenditure Committees	\$100,000 - Airsam N492RM, LLC
20	21	9/24/12	JOSE SUSUMO	Supporting Candidate 1 Federal Election	\$30,000 -
21		, , , , , , ,	AZANO MATSURA;	Commission's Record of Donations	Marc Chase
22			MARCO POLO CORTES		
23	22	9/27/12	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO	San Diego City Clerk's Record of Independent	\$120,000 - South Beach
24			MATSURA; MARCO POLO CORTES	Expenditure Committees Supporting Candidate 3	Acquisitions, Inc.
26	23	10/4/12	JOSE SUSUMO AZANO	California Secretary of State Record of	\$30,000 -
27			MATSURA; MARCO POLO	Donations to Political Parties	West Coast Acquisitions, LLC
28	<u> </u>	<u></u>	CORTES		

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	24	November	JOSE SUSUMO	San Diego	City Clerk's	\$191,950 -
1		2012	AZANO	Record of	Donations to	Unreported
2			MATSURA; RAVNEET	Candidate	3	·
3		·	SINGH; ELECTIONMALL;	ļ :•		
4			MARCO POLO CORTES			
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All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1519 and 2.

Count 25: Bribery

(18 U.S.C. § 201(b))

32. Beginning in approximately December 2013 and continuing to approximately January 2014, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants RAVNEET SINGH, aka Ravi Singh, and ELECTIONMALL, INC., did directly and indirectly corruptly give, offer and promise a thing of value to a public official with the intent to influence an official act and to induce that public official to act in violation of his lawful duties - to wit, by offering and giving \$1,000 to a federal official in exchange for confidential and classified information; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 201(b), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 26: Alien in Possession of a Firearm

(18 U.S.C. 922(q)(5)(B))

33. Beginning on an unknown date and continuing up to on or about January 22, 2014, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendant JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, aka Mr. A., aka Mr. Lambo, being an alien then-admitted to the United States under a non-immigrant visa, and not possessing any hunting license or permit, did knowingly possess in and affecting interstate commerce, a firearm - to wit, a black Sig Sauer P225 bearing serial number M634983, said

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firearm having been shipped in interstate commerce; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5)(B).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

- Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count 25 of this defendants RAVNEET Indictment, SINGH, aka Ravi. Singh, and ELECTIONMALL, INC., shall forfelt to the United States all property, real and personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds the violation of Title 18, traceable to United States Section 201, including but not limited to \$1,000; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.
- If any of the above-described forfeited property, result of any act or omission of defendants RAVNEET SINGH, aka Ravi Singh, or ELECTIONMALL, INC., cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; 17 has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty, it United States, is intent of the pursuant the to. Title United States Code, Section 853(p), made applicable herein by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the property described above subject to forfeiture.
 - 36. Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count 26 of this Indictment, defendant JOSE SUSUMO AZANO MATSURA, aka Mr. A., Mr. Lambo, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), all firearms and ammunition involved the

commission of the offense, including but not limited to the following: the black Sig Sauer P225 bearing serial number M634983, and all ammunition found with it; all pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(g) and 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

DATED: August 12, 2014.



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