



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

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**SUBJECT:** MURs 6955 and 6983 (John R. Kasich and Kasich for America)

**RE:** Office of General Counsel's Notice to the Commission  
Following the Submission of Probable Cause Brief

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On November 25, 2020, the Office of General Counsel ("OGC") notified John R. Kasich and Kasich for America and J. Matthew Yuskewich, in his official capacity as treasurer ("KFA"), (collectively "Respondents")<sup>1</sup> that it was prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that (1) Kasich violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) and 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.72(a) and 100.131(a) and KFA violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b), 30116(f), and 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.72 and 100.131, in connection with accepting and failing to report impermissible and excessive contributions from New Day for America ("New Day") for testing-the-waters activities; (2) Kasich violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(e)(1) by failing to timely file his Statement of Candidacy; (3) Kasich and KFA violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116 and 30118(a) by accepting prohibited and excessive in-kind contributions in the form of coordinated communications from New Day; and (4) KFA violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by failing to disclose those contributions. OGC's notification included a General's Counsel's Brief setting

<sup>1</sup> Ltr. to Respondents Encl. General Counsel's Brief, MURs 6955 and 6983 New Day for America (Nov.25, 2020).

1 forth the factual and legal basis for the recommendation. Respondents filed a response to the  
 2 General Counsel's Brief on January 30, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

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 4 Pursuant to the *Agency Procedure Following the Submission of Probable Cause Briefs by*  
 5 *the Office of General Counsel*, 76 Fed. Reg. 63,570 (Oct. 13, 2011), OGC is notifying the  
 6 Commission that it intends to proceed with the recommendation to find probable cause to believe  
 7 that Respondents violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, based on the  
 8 factual and legal analysis set forth in the General Counsel's Brief.

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 10 A copy of this Notice is being provided to Respondents at the same time that it is  
 11 circulated to the Commission.

## 12 **II. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 15 1. Find probable cause to believe that John R. Kasich and Kasich for America and J.  
 16 Matthew Yuskewich in his official capacity violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f),  
 17 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.72(a) and 100.131(a) in connection with accepting  
 18 impermissible, excessive, and unreported contributions from New Day for  
 19 America for testing-the-waters activities;
- 21 2. Find probable cause to believe that John R. Kasich violated 52 U.S.C.  
 22 § 30102(e)(1) by failing to timely file his Statement of Candidacy;
- 24 3. Find probable cause to believe that John R. Kasich and Kasich for America and J.  
 25 Matthew Yuskewich in his official capacity accepted, prohibited and excessive in-  
 26 kind contributions in the form of coordinated communications from New Day for  
 27 America in violation of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116 and 30118(a); and
- 29 4. Find probable cause to believe that Kasich for America and J. Matthew  
 30 Yuskewich in his official capacity did not disclose contributions from New Day  
 31 for America in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b).

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<sup>2</sup> MURs 6955 and 6983 (John R. Kasich and Kasich for America) Response to General Counsel's Brief ("Resp.") (Dec. 30, 2020).