

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

July 27, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Matthew Nelson Tunstall, Register No. 73685-509 FCI Mendota Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 9 Mendota, CA 93640

RE: MUR 7468

Progressive Priorities PAC

Dear Mr. Tunstall:

On November 17, 2017, the Federal Election Commission notified Progressive Priorities PAC and you in your official capacity treasurer¹ (the "Committee") that it had ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities that the Committee may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") or Commission regulations. A copy of the complaint was provided to the Committee at that time. On July 21, 2022, the Commission further notified you in your individual capacity that you may have violated the Act or Commission regulations.

Upon further review of the potential violations and information supplied by you and the Committee, the Commission, on July 26, 2023, voted to dismiss as an exercise of prosecutorial discretion the allegation that you in your individual capacity knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30103(b), (c) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a)(1), (2) by misrepresenting the actual treasurer of Progressive Priorities PAC. At the same time, the Commission admonishes you and the Committee for apparent violations of 52 U.S.C. § 30103(b), (c) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a)(1), (2) by misrepresenting the actual treasurer of Progressive Priorities PAC. The Commission also voted to take no further action regarding the allegations that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30124 by fraudulently misrepresenting that Progressive Priorities PAC was acting for or on behalf of a federal candidate and 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by failing to itemize receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter, and administratively terminated the Committee.

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Michelle Sotelo was the named treasurer at the time of the initial notification. Progressive Priorities PAC, Amended Statement of Organization at 1 (Jan. 31, 2017), https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/583/201701319042132583/201701319042132583.pdf. You subsequently became the Committee's treasurer on August 15, 2019. Progressive Priorities PAC, Amended Statement of Organization at 1 (Aug. 15, 2019), https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/128/201908 159162881128/201908159162881128.pdf.

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Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). If you have any questions, please contact Justine A. di Giovanni, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1574.

Sincerely,

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Aaron Rabinowitz

Assistant General Counsel