

October 16, 2020

Federal Election Commission cela@fec.gov  
 Office of Complaints Examination  
 & Legal Administration  
 Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal  
 1050 First Street, NE  
 Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 7815

To whom it may concern:

After visiting with our Attorney, Brian Hildreth of BELL, MCANDREWS & HILTACHK, LLP, we are advised and of the opinion that no solicitation was made by Darrell Issa or Darrell Issa for Congress. We offer the following facts:

1. The event in question was a free event. No contribution was requested or required to attend. Most attendees did not make a contribution to any candidate during or as a consequence of the event or invitation.
2. No specific dollar amount was mentioned, suggested or requested to be given by any person invited to the event or during the event itself.
3. The Federal Election Commission's "Contribution Limits Chart" of federally permissible contributions was distributed to all candidates in attendance, posted conspicuously, and candidates were verbally instructed to accept contributions compliant with federal law only.

Out of an abundance of caution, Congressman Darrell Issa and Darrell Issa for Congress made the following statement: "**Contributions in connection with this invitation and event in excess of federally permissible amounts or from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, federal government contractors or foreign nationals are prohibited.**" This statement:

1. Was emailed to all invitees who received any publicity regarding this event 2 times.
2. Was posted on 11x17 posters in 44 point font conspicuously in at least 8 prominent locations at the event. (Photo evidence attached)
3. Was read verbally by the candidate at the beginning of the event. (Video evidence linked here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdOkUnnfej8&feature=youtu.be>)
4. Was included on Facebook postings advertising the event. (Photo evidence attached)

In closing, neither Darrell Issa, Darrell Issa for Congress, nor its agents made a willful attempt to violate the law. In fact, the candidate, the committee and its agents made demonstrable effort to comply with the FEC's safe harbor guidelines.

It is our opinion that this complaint does not identify a willful or material violation of the law, but instead is motivated purely by partisan purposes and is a frivolous misuse of the Commission's time and resources.

Respectfully,



Jen Slater, Treasurer

Darrell Issa for Congress

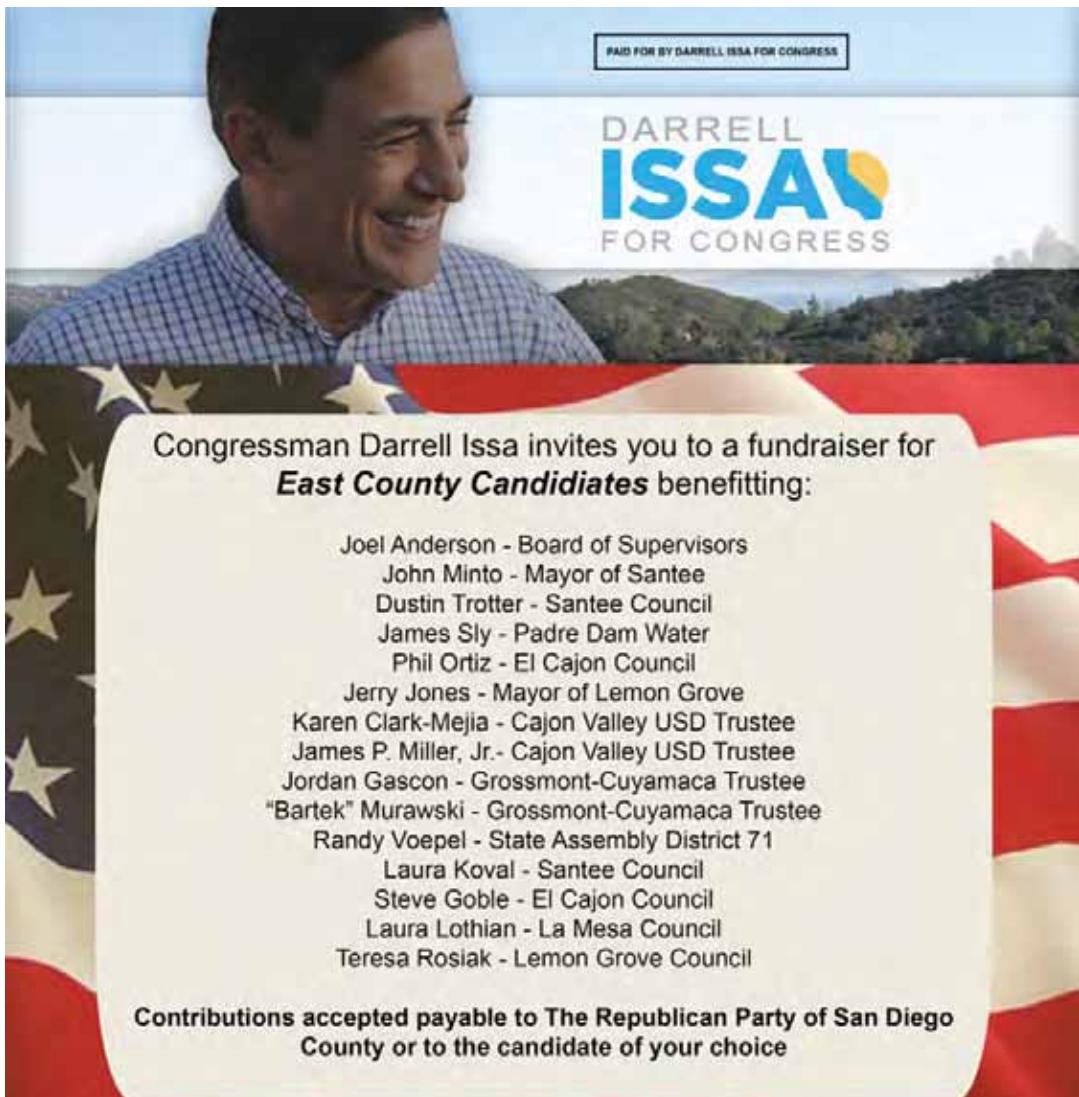
**John B. Franklin**

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**From:** Darrell Issa <info@darrellissa.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** John  
**Subject:** Tomorrow, Oct. 8, 5:30P - 7:30P - East County Candidate Fundraiser

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*October 8th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm*  
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Sincerely,



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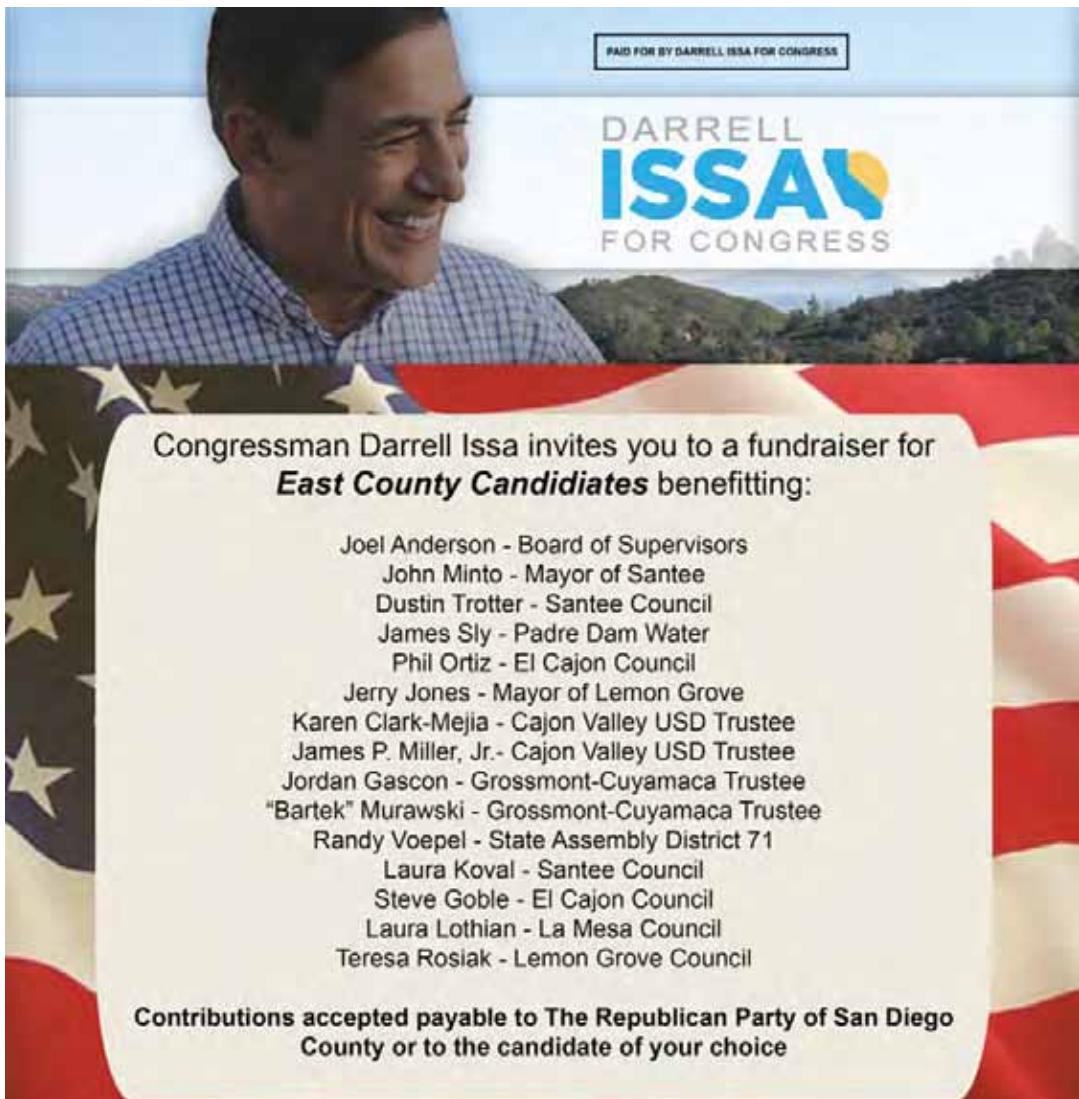
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Darrell Issa

October 6 at 2:27 PM ·

This November, it is important we elect officials who share our values up and down the ballot. I hope you will join me this Thursday in Lakeside for a meet and greet and to raise funds for all the local Republicans running in East County. Please Email [trey@teamissa.com](mailto:trey@teamissa.com) or RSVP to the Facebook Event East County GOP Fundraiser to attend. I hope to see you there!

Event Link <https://www.facebook.com/events/367692641087877/>

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Individual	\$2,800* per election	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$35,500* per year	\$106,500* per account, per year
Candidate Committee	\$2,000 per election	\$5,000 per year	Unlimited Transfers	Unlimited Transfers	
PAC Multicandidate	\$5,000 per election	\$5,000 per year	\$5,000 per year (combined)	\$15,000 per year	\$45,000 per account, per year
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\* Instead of inflation in odd-numbered years.

<sup>\*\*</sup>PAC here refers to a committee that makes contributions to other federal political committees. Independent-expenditure-only political committees (sometimes called "Super PACs") may accept unlimited contributions, including from corporations and labor organizations.

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