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## VIA EMAIL (cela@fec.gov)

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## **Re: FEC Matter MUR 7986**

Dear Mr. Luckett and Ms. Keeys,

We are in receipt of your May 3, 2022 letter indicating that the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") has received a complaint indicating, incorrectly, that Palm Place Investments, LLC ("Palm Place") may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the "Act"), and enclosing the complaint. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to this incorrect assertion.

Palm Place is formed as a California Limited Liability Company ("LLC"), and has elected to be treated as a partnership by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to 26 CFR 301.7701-3. Enclosed, please find as Exhibit A, the Declaration of Timothy Jones confirming Palm Place's tax status.

Under federal law, LLCs that have elected "to be treated as a partnership by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to 26 CFR 301.7701-3" are permitted to make campaign contributions to candidates. 11 CFR § 110.1(g)(2). Because Palm Place is an LLC that has elected to be treated as a partnership, the complaint is in error and Palm Place has not violated the Act.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information. As you note in your letter, please maintain the confidentiality of this matter as required by 52 U.S.C. 30109(a)(4)(B).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Very Truly Yours,

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Enclosures: Exhibit A, Declaration of Timothy Jones

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MUR798600205 1 2 3 Federal Election Commission Matter Under Review No. 7986 IN RE MATTER OF PALM PLACE 4 INVESTMENTS, LLC CAMPAIGN **DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY JONES** CONTRIBUTION TO MAGSIG FOR 5 CONGRESS COMMITTEE 6 7 8 I, Timothy Jones, declare as follows: 9 I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and if called as a witness, could 1. 10 and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein. I submit this Declaration in response to 11 the April 21, 2022 request for audit made by Charles Dudek in connection with a campaign 12 contribution made by Palm Place Investments, LLC ("Palm Place") to the Magsig for Congress 13 Committee (FEC ID C00797639). 14 Palm Place is a California Limited Liability Company formed in 2010. The manager 2. 15 of Palm Place is Central Valley Development, LLC ("CVD"). I am the manager of CVD. I am 16 familiar with Palm Place's tax status. I was authorized to sign and have signed the tax returns for 17 Palm Place since its inception. Palm Place elected in its operating agreement to be treated by the 18 Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") as a partnership pursuant to 26 CFR 301.7701-3. At the time 19 Palm Place made its contribution to the Magsig for Congress Committee, Palm Place had elected 20 to be treated by the IRS as a partnership. 21 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the 22 foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. 23 Executed this 11th day of May, 2022 at Fresno, California. 24 25 26 **Timothy Jones** 27 28