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FEC RELEASES EIGHT INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on eight matters it has had under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the MUR. Please see footnote at the end of this release. Summary files of the closed cases are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 2695

RESPONDENTS: (a) California Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy (CA);
(b) McCarthy for U.S. Senator, Lance Olson, treasurer (CA);
(c) Californians for McCarthy Committee, Lance Olson, treasurer (CA)

COMPLAINANT: Robert W. Naylor, Chairman, California Republican Party (CA)

SUBJECT: Failure to designate committee timely; corporate and union contributions; failure to register and report; failure to disclose in-kind contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe but took no further action*
(b)(1) Probable cause to believe but took no further action* [re: in-kind contributions]
(2) No probable cause to believe* [re: corporate and union contributions]
(c) No probable cause to believe*

2. 3033

RESPONDENTS: (a) Commonwealth Bancshares Corporation, William D. Davis, Chairman (PA);
(b) Commonwealth Bancshares Political Action Committee (Federal), Eileen Johnson, treasurer (PA)

COMPLAINANT: Referral by Wallace S. Nathan, District Counsel for the Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks (NY)

SUBJECT: Failure to accurately disclose activity; improper solicitations

DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) Joint conciliation agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty*

3. 3090

RESPONDENTS: Common Cause (DC)

COMPLAINANT: William B. Canfield, III, Counsel, National Republican Senatorial Committee (DC)

SUBJECT: Failure to disclose independent expenditure/in-kind contributions; corporate expenditures; disclaimers; failure to register and report

DISPOSITION: No reason to believe*

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4. 3115

RESPONDENTS: (a) Texans for Sweeney, Myles Sweeney, treasurer (TX);
(b) Catherine Sweeney (TX);
(c) Barbara Webber (TX)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) Joint conciliation agreement: \$1,000 civil
penalty*
(c) No reason to believe*

5. 3141

RESPONDENTS: Sibley for Congress, David M. Sibley, treasurer (TX)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty*

6. 3165

RESPONDENTS: Southern California Coalition for Responsible
Government, Harold B. Nelson, treasurer (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Eugene L. Ferguson, Campaign Manager, Committee to
Re-Elect Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (CA)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but take no further action*

7. 3235

RESPONDENTS: LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae PAC, Alan Berman,
treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$325 civil penalty*

8. 3245

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Congressman Hochbrueckner, Mary M.
Schumacher, treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution reports
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but took no further action*

*Following a complaint, the FEC may make a "reason to believe" finding which may trigger an investigation. Subsequently, the FEC may find "probable cause to believe" violation(s) occurred. An affirmative vote of at least four Commissioners is required for any action. At this stage the conciliation process could begin. If conciliation fails the FEC may institute a civil action for relief in federal court. The Commission may close a case at any point. For a complete explanation of the enforcement process - contact the FEC Press Office.
