# ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE 

# DATE: $\quad$ September 15, 2017 

I. COMMITTEE: Democratic Party Of Arkansas<br>C00024372<br>Tyler Clark, Treasurer<br>1300 West Capitol Ave<br>Little Rock, AR 72201

TYPE OF COMMITTEE: Party
II. REGISTRATION DATE: March 8, 1976
III. MULTICANDIDATE STATUS: Qualified
IV. BACKGROUND:

The Committee was sent sixteen (16) Requests for Additional Information (RFAIs) for reporting errors including excessive, prohibited and other impermissible contributions or transfers, mathematical discrepancies, failure to provide supporting schedules, federal election activity/levin funds, allocated federal and non-federal activity, and failure to properly itemize loans.

## Democratic Party of Arkansas (C00024372)

ADRO Referral Response Guide
Prohibited Contributions and Other Impermissible Contributions or Transfers

| Report | RFAI Due Date | Response Date(s) | Response Code | Reason for code |
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| 2015 M7 | 10/28/15 | N/A | NR | Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) disclosed the receipt of apparent prohibited contributions from one (1) unregistered political organization totaling $\$ 1,500.00$, or $21.4 \%$ of the total contributions from other federal political committees. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. <br> Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) disclosed the receipt of an apparent prohibited contribution totaling $\$ 5,000.00$ from one (1) political action committee that was disclosed on the contributor's disbursement schedule as a contribution to the non-federal account. The apparent prohibited contribution received totals $71.4 \%$ of the contributions from other political committees. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. |
| 2016 M7 | 9/26/16 | N/A | NR | Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) disclosed the receipt of an apparent prohibited contribution totaling $\$ 5,000.00$ from one (1) political action committee that was disclosed on the contributor's disbursement schedule as a contribution to the non-federal account. The apparent prohibited contribution received totals $100 \%$ of the contributions from other political committees. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. |
| 2016 M8 | 11/2/16 | 8/16/17 | LAR | Schedule A supporting Line 17 disclosed the receipt of an excessive contribution totaling $\$ 5,000.00$, or $4.1 \%$ of the Committee's total contributions from individuals. This contribution was received from one (1) individual. <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2016 M8 and 2016 M10 on 8/16/17 that disclosed the timely transfer of the excessive receipt to the Committee's non-federal account. . |
| 2016 30G | 3/27/17 | 8/16/17 | LAR | Schedule A supporting Line 11 (c) disclosed the receipt of a prohibited contribution totaling $\$ 5,000.00$, or $100 \%$ of the total contributions from federal political committees. This contribution was received from one (1) corporation. <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2016 30G on 8/16/17 and provided a memo text which stated, in part, "The funds received by the committee from the National Retail Federation were disbursed through the organization's federally registered PAC. This report has been amended to reflect this." |

## Mathematical Discrepancies

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| 2016 12G | 3/27/17 | 8/16/17 | LAR | The Committee's report contained mathematical discrepancies totaling $\$ 3,698.84$, as detailed below: <br> The beginning cash balance, $\$ 31,070.93$, was greater than the ending cash balance of the previous report, $\$ 29,645.15$, a discrepancy of $\$ 1,425.78$. <br> The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$1,943.52. <br> Line 8, Column A, $-\$ 2,834.84$, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, $-\$ 2,505.30$, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$329.54. <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2016 12G and 2016 M10 on 8/16/17 which corrected these mathematical discrepancies. |
| 2016 YE | 3/27/17 | 8/16/17 | LIR | The Committee's report contained mathematical discrepancies totaling $\$ 153,803.46$, as detailed below: <br> The beginning cash balance, $\$ 26,327.38$, was greater than the ending cash balance of the previous report, $-\$ 46,305.18$, a discrepancy of $\$ 72,632.56$. <br> The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling $\$ 63,600.51$. <br> Line 8, Column A, \$3,994.32, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, $-\$ 13,576.43$, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$17,570.75. <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2016 YE and 2016 30G that failed to adequately resolve these errors. |

Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules

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| 2015 M4 | 10/28/15 | N/A | NR | The Committee failed to provide a Schedule C for the $\$ 20,000.00$ in loans received by the Committee disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 13 of the Detailed Summary Page. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. |
| 2016 M3 | 6/6/16 | N/A | NR | The Committee failed to provide a Schedule C for the $\$ 20,000.00$ in loans received by the Committee disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 13 of the Detailed Summary Page. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. |
| 2016 M5 | 8/1/16 | N/A | NR | The Committee failed to provide a Schedule C for the $\$ 10,000.00$ in loans |


|  |  |  |  | received by the Committee disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 13 of the Detailed Summary Page. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. |
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| 2016 M8 | 11/2/16 | 8/16/17 | LAR | Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) disclosed an unitemized lump sum receipt of $\$ 1,270.00$ However, the Committee failed to clarify whether this amount includes any receipts aggregating greater than $\$ 200$ from an individual in the calendar year. <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2016 M8 on 8/16/17 which disclosed a memo text which stated in part: "Any receipts identitfied as Unitemized Contributions on Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) appeared as the result of a software error which has been corrected on this report. These receipts did not include any contributions aggregating greater than $\$ 200.00$ from an individual on the calendar year and now correctly are accounted for on Line 11(a)(ii)." |
| 2016 YE | 3/27/17 | 8/16/17 | LIR | Schedule A supporting Line 12 disclosed $\$ 156,790.17$ in transfers received from two (2) joint fundraisers during the 2016 calendar year. However, the supporting itemized memo entries provided on Schedule A during 2016 total $\$ 52,758.73$, creating a discrepancy of $\$ 104,031.44$. <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2016 YE on $8 / 16 / 17$ that failed to adequately resolve this issue. |

Federal Election Activity/Levin Funds

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| 2016 30G | 3/27/17 | 8/16/17 | LAR | Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) disclosed \$5,833.51 in disbursements for "Postage for Mailer," "Postage for Mailers," and "Robocalls" but failed to clarify whether these disbursements were FEA public communications that promoted, supported, attacked or opposed federal candidates or if they expressly advocated the election or defeat of clearly identified federal candidates, which would require additional disclosure. <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2016 30G on 8/16/17 that disclosed memo text which stated in part: "This report has been amended to reflect this. Any Schedule H4 disbursements for Postage for Mailers, Postage for Mailer, or Robocalls were for activities generally promoting the Arkansas Democratic Party and its activities. These disbursements did not express support or opposition to any specific candidate." |

Allocated Federal and Non-Federal Activity

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| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5 ~ M 7}$ | $10 / 28 / 15$ | $5 / 25 / 16$ | LAR | The Committee disclosed disbursements totaling $\$ 199,617.71$ for a 3- <br> month period; however, the report disclosed limited payments for <br> administrative expenses. |  |


|  | $\because$ |  |  | The Committee filed an Amended 2015 YE on $5 / 25 / 16$, and provided a memo text, which stated in part: "There are no payments for rent because the Committee owns its own building and the mortgage is paid for with non-federal funds, as permissible," clarifying the discrepancy. |
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| 2015 M10 | 1/19/16 | N/A | NR | Schedule H3 disclosed transfers-in from the non-federal account for "JJ 2015" which may exceed the non-federal share of allocable fundraising expenditures by as much as $\$ 22,504.93$. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. |
| 2015 YE | 5/18/16 | 5/25/16 | LAR | The Committee disclosed disbursements totaling $\$ 268,908.88$ for a 3month period; however, the report disclosed limited payments for administrative expenses. <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2015 YE on $5 / 25 / 16$, and provided a memo text, which stated in part: "There are no payments for rent because the Committee owns its own building and the mortgage is paid for with non-federal funds, as permissible," clarifying the discrepancy. |
| 2016 M2 | 5/19/16 | 6/19/16 | LAR | The Committee failed to provide a Schedule Hl to disclose the allocation ratio for administrative expenditures on Schedule H 4 . <br> The Committee filed an Amended 2016 M2 on 6/19/16, and provided the missing Schedule H 1 , correcting the discrepancy. |

Failure to Properly Itemize Loans

| Report <br> RFAI Due <br> Date | Response <br> Date(s) | Response <br> Code |  |  |
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| 2015 M4 | $10 / 28 / 15$ | N/A | NR | The Committee has not provided an electronic Schedule C-1, a paper <br> Schedule C-1 that has been certified by an official from the lending <br> institution, or a copy of the loan agreement supporting the $\$ 20,000.00$ <br> loan disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 13. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. |
| 2016 M3 | $6 / 6 / 16$ | N/A | NR | The Committee has not provided an electronic Schedule C-1, a paper <br> Schedule C-1 that has been certified by an official from the lending <br> institution, or a copy of the loan agreement supporting the $\$ 20,000.00$ <br> loan disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 13. <br> The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI. |







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