

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

October 9, 2009

Citizens Against Corruption: No on C c/o Xavier Martinez, Treasurer 1531 Grand Avenue, Suite D San Marcos, CA 92078

Re: Ethics Commission Audit of Citizens Against Corruption: No on C (ID # 1291485)

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The Ethics Commission audit of the above-referenced committee is now concluded, and the Final Audit Report is enclosed. This report was delivered to the Ethics Commission at its regularly-scheduled meeting held on October 8, 2009. The Commission observed that the findings reflected in the Audit Report indicate that the committee substantially complied with local campaign laws. As a result, the Commission voted to accept the report.

Sincerely,

Rosalba Gomez Ethics Commission Auditor

Enclosure



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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# FINAL AUDIT REPORT

October 2, 2009

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#### SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION AUDIT REPORT: Citizens Against Corruption: No on C

#### I. Introduction

This Audit Report contains information pertaining to the audit of the committee, Citizens Against Corruption: No on C, Identification Number 1291485 ("the Committee") for the period from September 28, 2006, through January 31, 2007. The Committee was selected for audit by a designee of the City Clerk in a random drawing conducted at a public meeting of the Ethics Commission held on September 13, 2007. The audit was conducted to determine whether the Committee materially complied with the requirements and prohibitions imposed by the City of San Diego's Election Campaign Control Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article 7, Division 29). The Election Campaign Control Ordinance (ECCO) was amended on January 1, 2009. This Committee operated under the previous ECCO, and therefore all Code references in this report relate to the provisions of ECCO that were in effect prior to January 1, 2009.

During the period covered by the audit, the Committee reported total contributions of \$19,019.00 and total expenditures of \$4,555.00. The difference, \$14,464.00, represents the non-monetary contributions in the form of the Center on Policy Initiative's employee time donated to the campaign. The audit revealed no material findings. The committee substantially complied with the disclosure and record-keeping provisions of the San Diego Election Campaign Control Ordinance.



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#### **II.** Committee Information

On September 28, 2006, the Committee filed an initial Statement of Organization with the San Diego City Clerk indicating that it had not yet qualified as a city primarily formed ballot measure committee. Although the Committee's records indicate it received contributions totaling \$1,000 as of October 20, 2006, it failed to file an amended Statement of Organization reporting the date it qualified as a committee. The Committee was formed to oppose Proposition C (Amends the Charter to Allow for Contracting Out of City Services) in the November 7, 2006, special election. On January 31, 2007, the Committee filed a Statement of Termination indicating that its filing obligations were completed. The Committee's treasurer was Xavier Martinez.

## **III. Audit Authority**

The Commission is mandated by San Diego Municipal Code section 26.0414 to audit campaign statements and other relevant documents to determine whether campaign committees comply with applicable requirements and prohibitions imposed by local law.

## **IV. Audit Scope and Procedures**

This audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The audit involved a thorough review of the Committee's records for the time period covered by the audit. This review was conducted to determine:

- 1. Compliance with all disclosure requirements, pertaining to contributions, expenditures, accrued expenditures, and loans, including itemization when required;
- 2. Compliance with applicable filing deadlines;
- 3. Compliance with restrictions on contributions, loans and expenditures;
- 4. Accuracy of total reported receipts, disbursements and cash balances as compared to bank records; and
- 5. Compliance with all record-keeping requirements.

# VII. Conclusion

Through the examination of the Committee's records and campaign disclosure statements, the Auditor verified that the Committee timely disclosed all contributions received and all expenditures made, and that the Committee maintained all necessary documentation regarding contributions and expenditures in accordance with disclosure and record-keeping provisions of ECCO. As a result, the Auditor determined that there were no material findings.

Rosalba Gomez Ethics Commission Auditor Date

Date