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***Complaint Regarding unreported in-kind contributions from Florence Unified School District
by Pinal County Republican Committee LLC***

On behalf of the Pinal County Democratic Party the following complaint is filed with your office. Beginning in December of 2015, Invoices from the Florence Unified School District show The Pinal County Republican Committee reduced costs associated with rental of the FUSD District Auditorium and showing a discount of the hourly rental rate but retaining the charge for personnel to lock and unlock the building. Please see the Florence Unified School District #1 District Facilities Summary of Fees. We have found no reports filed since December 15, 2015, that account for the In-Kind Donations. Summary Sheets from end of Cycle Reports are included for all cycles ending between 2015 and now. We included the full reports from End of Year 2015 and End of Cycle 2016. You can access these reports via Arizona Secretary of State's Election Funds Portal at [SeeTheMoney \(az.gov\)](http://SeeTheMoney.az.gov). We have identified 77 meetings that were held with the Party receiving In-Kind Donations from FUSD #1 with a value of \$16,820.

A.R.S. 16-971 11. "In-kind contribution" means a contribution of goods, services or anything of value that is provided without charge or at less than the usual and normal charge.

The Pinal County Republican Committee needs to either correctly report past and ongoing in-kind contributions or pay the difference, thus returning the discounted fees. As for the Florence Unified School District, in kind donations violate A.R.S 15-511 and they should cease making any kind of contributions to the Pinal County Republican Party using public funds, and per 15-511

Sincerely,

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Re: Complaint Regarding Illegal Campaign Contribution by Pinal County Republican Committee LLC to School Board Candidates

On behalf of the Pinal County Democratic Party the following complaint is filed with your office concerning an illegal contribution made by the Pinal County Republican Committee LLC, (SOS Committee #: 201000050) to a non-partisan candidate committees

1. Daniel Brown, school board candidate, Casa Grande. Below is an excerpt from page 7 of the committee's 2022 Post-General Election (Q4) report, attached and available at <https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2022/2CA4C907-9D55-48E8-A178-877F106505E3.pdf>
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Daniel Brown, 2379 E Santa Ynez Dr, Casa Grande, AZ 85194; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
2. Dena Kimble, school board candidate, Apache Junction Unified School District. Below is an excerpt from page 5 of the committee's Amended 2022 Pre-General Election, attached and available at [B92C3A35-3157-4247-AA50-8674D59EB3DA.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2022/B92C3A35-3157-4247-AA50-8674D59EB3DA.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Deena Kimble (Misspelled), 3931 N. Marlow Rd, Apache Junction, AZ 85119; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
3. Lorenza Martinez, school board candidate, Casa Grande Elementary School Board District. Below is page 5 of the Committee's Amended 2022 Post-Primary Election (Q3) Report. Attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2022/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Lorenzo (misspelling) Martinez, 930 W Gila bend hwy, Casa Grande, AZ 85122; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
4. Gary Terrell, school board candidate, Oracle School Board. Below is page 5 of the Committee's Amended 2022 Post-Primary Election (Q3) Report. Attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2022/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Gary Terrell for Oracle School Board, 59981 E Arroyo Grande Dr., Oracle, AZ 85623; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
5. Jeri Taylor, school board candidate, Oracle School Board. Below is page 5 of the Committee's Amended 2022 Post-Primary Election (Q3) Report. Attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2022/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Jeri Taylor for Oracle School Board, 65959 E Catalina Hills Dr, Tucson, AZ 85739; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
6. Steve Hayes, school board candidate, Casa Grande Union High School District. Below is page 5 of the Committee's Amended 2022 Post-Primary Election (Q3) Report. Attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2022/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)



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- a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Steve Hayes, 2420 E San Miguel Dr., Casa Grande, AZ 85194; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
7. Jeffrey Carr, school board candidate, Florence Unified School District. Below is page 5 of the Committee's Amended 2022 Post-Primary Election (Q3) Report. Attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://www.az.gov/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Jeffrey Carr 7917 W Saratoga Way, Florence, AZ 85132; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
8. Steve Hunt, school board candidate, Casa Grande Union High School District. Below is page 5 of the Committee's Amended 2022 Post-Primary Election (Q3) Report. Attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://www.az.gov/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Steve Hunt, 9972 W Ironwood Dr., Casa Grande, AZ 85194; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
9. Ernest Lopez, school board candidate, Toltec School District. Below is page 5 of the Committee's Amended 2022 Post-Primary Election (Q3) Report. Attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://www.az.gov/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Ernest Lopez; PO BOX 378, Arizona city, AZ 85123. Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
10. Gail Ross, school board candidate, Apache Junction Unified School District. Below is an excerpt from page 5 of the committee's Amended 2022 Pre-General Election, attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://www.az.gov/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Gail Ross, 59981 E Arroyo Grande Dr, Oracle, AZ 85623; Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee
11. Anthony Levatino, school board candidate, Toltec School District. Below is page 5 of the Committee's Amended 2022 Post-Primary Election (Q3) Report. Attached and available at [2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://www.az.gov/2A60164C-46B0-4272-8422-DDE3930A3564.pdf)
 - a. Under Schedule E3a - Contributions to a Candidate is a \$500 contribution to Anthony LEVATINO; 4316 W Winslow Way, Eloy, AZ 85131. Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee

The Pinal County Republican Committee, LLC made these illegal donations to candidates other than the party's nominee in violation of A.R.S. § 16-915(C), "A political party shall not contribute to candidate committees other than nominees." As can be seen in the attachments (PCRC Q4 2022 Campaign Finance), the GOP County Party contributed a total of \$5,500 to the non-partisan candidates listed above and candidates listed above accepted the illegal contributions. None of the Candidates listed above, running for various school boards, were not the Republican Party's nominee. "Nominee" means a candidate who prevails in a primary election for partisan office and includes the nominee's candidate committee. A.R.S. § 16-901(38).



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Please note: Several candidates did not file campaign finance reports, based on a review of both the Pinal County Elections website and the Pinal County Superintendent of Schools Websites (links below). None of the candidate committees list this donation in their Q4 reports and no other candidate committee reports are available.

[Pinal County Superintendent of Schools](#)

[Pinal County Elections - Campaign Finance](#)

The appropriate penalty—which should be over and above returning the illegal contributions—is described as follows: The enforcement officer shall impose a presumptive civil penalty equal to the value or amount of money that has been received, spent or promised in violation of this article and articles 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 of this chapter, except that after a finding of special circumstances, the enforcement officer may impose a penalty of up to three times the amount of the presumptive civil penalty, based on the severity, extent or willful nature of the alleged violation. A.R.S. § 16-938(E)(2).

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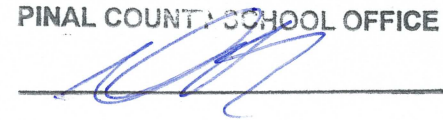
Schedule E3a - Contributions to Candidate Committees

	Date	Amount	Cycle To Date
Name: Daniel Brown	10/26/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address: 2379 E Santa Ynez Dr, casa grande, AZ 85194		Cash	
Trans. Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Memo: School board candidate			
Name: 201800367 - Kimberly Yee for Arizona Treasurer	10/26/2022	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Address: PO Box 83561, Phoenix, AZ 85071		Cash	
Trans. Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name: Abe Hamadeh for Attorney General	11/02/2022	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Address: 2801 E Camelback Rd, Ste 200, Phoenix, AZ 85016		Cash	
Trans. Type: Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Memo: online/debit one time contribution to Abe Hamadeh			
Total of Contributions to Candidate Committees		\$10,500.00	
Total of Refunds Received		\$0.00	
Net Total of Contributions		\$10,500.00	

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		Date	Amount	Cycle To Date
Name:	Martinez for AZ	10/07/2022	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Address:	PO Box 13125, Casa Grande, AZ 85130		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	Deena Kimble	10/13/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	3931 N. Marlow Rd, Apache Junction, AZ 85119		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Total of Contributions to Candidate Committees			\$2,500.00	
Total of Refunds Received			\$0.00	
Net Total of Contributions			\$2,500.00	

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201000050 Pinal County Republican Committee

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Amended Post-Primary Election (Q3)

Covers 07/17/2022 to 09/30/2022

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		Date	Amount	Cycle To Date
Name:	Hudelson for Arizona	09/07/2022	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Address:	21654 E Escrito Rd, Tucson, AZ 85739		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	Elect Mark Finchem	09/08/2022	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Address:	PO Box 69344, Oro Valley, AZ 85737		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	Lorenzo Martinez	09/14/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	930 W Gila bend hwy, casa grande, AZ 85122		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	Neal Carter for State Representative - District 8	09/14/2022	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Address:	PO Box 245, Queen Creek, AZ 85142		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	Gary Terrell for Oracle School Board	09/16/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	59981 E. Arroyo Grande Dr., Oracle, AZ 85623		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	Jeri Taylor for Oracle School Board	09/16/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	65959 E. Catalina Hills Dr., Tucson, AZ 85739		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	steve hayes	09/16/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	2420 E San Miguel Dr, Casa Grande, AZ 85194		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	jeffrey carr	09/19/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	7917 W Saratoga Way, Florence, AZ 85132		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	steve hunt	09/19/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	9972 W Ironwood Dr, Casa Grande, AZ 85194		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	ernest lopez	09/26/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	PO BOX 378, arizona city, AZ 85123		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	gail ross	09/27/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	59981 e Arroyo Grande dr, Oracle, AZ 85623		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	anthony LEVATINO	09/28/2022	\$500.00	\$500.00
Address:	4316 W Winslow way, Eloy, AZ 85131		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			
Name:	100605 - Kari Lake for Arizona	09/30/2022	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Address:	PO Box 34341, Phoenix, AZ 85067		Cash	
Trans. Type:	Contribution to a Candidate Committee			