

Ellen L. Weintraub
Chairwoman
Federal Election Commission
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August 24, 2020

Dear Madam Chairwoman,

I, Howie Hawkins, a candidate for President of the United States, in an effort to become eligible to receive Primary Matching Funds, certify and agree to the following per 11 CFR §9033.1 & 9033.2:

1. Pursuant to 11 CFR §9033.2(b)(2), I and/or my authorized committee(s) have not incurred and will not incur qualified campaign expenses in excess of the expenditure limitations prescribed by 26 U.S.C. §9035 and 11 CFR §9035.
2. In accordance with 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(1), I acknowledge that I have the burden of proving that disbursements made by me and any of my authorized committee(s) or agents are qualified campaign expenses as defined at 11 CFR §9032.9.
3. In accordance with 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(2), I and my authorized committee(s) will comply with the documentation requirements set forth in 11 CFR §9033.11.
4. Upon the request of the Commission, I and my authorized committee(s) will supply an explanation of the connection between any disbursement made by me or my authorized committee(s) and the campaign as prescribed by 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(3).
5. In accordance with 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(4), I and my authorized committee(s) agree to keep and furnish to the Commission all documentation for matching fund submissions, any books, records (including bank records for all accounts) and supporting documentation and other information that the Commission may request.
6. As provided at 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(5), I and my authorized committee(s) agree to keep and furnish to the Commission all documentation relating to disbursements and receipts including any books, records (including bank records for all accounts), all documentation required by this section (including those required to be maintained under 11 CFR §9033.11), and other information that the Commission may request. If I or my authorized committee(s) maintains or uses computerized information containing any of the categories of data listed in 11 CFR §9033.12(a), the committee will provide computerized magnetic media, such as magnetic tapes or magnetic diskettes, containing the computerized information at the times specified in 11 CFR §9038.1(b)(1) that meet the requirements of 11 CFR §9033.12(b). Upon request, documentation explaining the computer system's software capabilities shall be provided and such personnel as are necessary to explain the operation of the computer system's software and the computerized information prepared or maintained by the committee(s) shall be made available.
7. As prescribed at 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(6), I and my authorized committee(s) will obtain and furnish to the Commission upon request all documentation relating to funds received and disbursements made on my behalf by other political committees and organizations associated with me.

8. In accordance with 26 U.S.C. §9038 and 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(7), I and my authorized committee(s) shall permit an audit and examination pursuant to 11 CFR §9038 of all receipts and disbursements, including those made by me, all authorized committee(s) and any agent or person authorized to make expenditures on my behalf or on behalf of my authorized committee(s). I and my authorized committee(s) shall also provide any material required in connection with an audit, investigation, or examination conducted pursuant to 11 CFR §9039. I and my authorized committee(s) shall facilitate the audit by making available in one central location, office space, records and such personnel as are necessary to conduct the audit and examination, and shall pay any amounts required to be repaid under 11 CFR §9038 and 11 CFR §9039.

9. Pursuant to 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(8), the person listed below is entitled to receive matching fund payments on my behalf, which will be deposited into the listed depository, which I have designated as the campaign depository. Any change in the information required by this paragraph shall not be effective until submitted to the Commission in a letter signed by me or the Treasurer of my authorized principal campaign committee.

Name of Person: Travis Christal

Mailing Address: 14525 McCarran Avenue, Apt. 6305, Fort Worth, TX 76155

Designated Depository: Cooperative Federal

Depository Address: 723 Westcott Street, Syracuse, NY 13205

10. Pursuant to 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(9), 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(10), and 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(11), I and my authorized committee(s) will:

(a) prepare matching fund submissions in accordance with the Federal Election Commission's Guideline for Presentation in Good Order, including the provision of any magnetic media pertaining to the matching funds submission and which conforms to the requirements specified at 11 CFR §9031.12;

(b) comply with the applicable requirements of 2 U.S.C. §431 et seq. 26 U.S.C. §9031 et seq. and the Commission's regulations at 11 CFR Parts 100-300, and 9031-9039;

(c) pay any civil penalties included in a conciliation agreement or otherwise imposed under 2 U.S.C. §437g against myself, any of my authorized committee(s) or any agent thereof.

11. Pursuant to 11 CFR §9033.1(b)(12), any television commercial prepared or distributed by me or my authorized committee(s) will be prepared in a manner which ensures that the commercial contains or is accompanied by closed captioning of the oral content of the commercial to be broadcast in line 21 of the vertical blanking interval, or is capable of being viewed by deaf and hearing impaired individuals via any comparable successor technology to line 21 of the vertical blanking interval.

12. In accordance with 11 CFR §9033.2(b), my authorized committee certifies that it has received matchable contributions totaling more than \$5,000 in each of at least 20 states, contributions received were only from individuals who are residents of the state for which their contributions are submitted, and with respect to any one person do not exceed \$250.00.

13. I and my authorized committee(s) shall comply with the applicable requirements of 52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq., 26 U.S.C. 9001 et seq., and the Commission's regulations at 11 CFR parts 100-300, and 9001-9012.

14. I and my authorized committee(s) shall pay any civil penalties included in a conciliation agreement or otherwise imposed under 52 U.S.C. 30109 against the candidate or any of my authorized committees or any agent thereof.

15. I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I will not knowingly make expenditures from my personal funds, or the personal funds of my immediate family, in connection with my campaign for the office of President in excess of \$50,000 in the aggregate.

Additionally, in accordance with 11 CFR §9033.2(b)(1) and 11 CFR §9033.2(b)(3), I certify that:

1. I received the nominee of the Green Party of the United States for election to the Office of President from a convention of delegates elected by state-run or party-run primaries for 47 delegations from state Green parties and national Green party caucuses. The nominating convention of the Green Party of the United States was held on July 11, 2020. At the time of the convention, state Green parties affiliated with the Green Party of the United States were qualified for the ballot in 24 states:

- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia (DC Statehood Green Party)
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Louisiana
- Maine (Green Independent)
- Massachusetts (Green-Rainbow Party)
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oregon (Pacific Green Party)
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- West Virginia (Mountain Party)

2. I sought or am seeking the nomination of affiliated Green parties by independent nominating petition in 11 states where the Green Party is not yet qualified for the ballot:

- Alaska (petitioning deadline: August 5, 2020)
- Arkansas (petitioning deadline: August 3, 2020)
- Georgia (petitioning deadline: August 14, 2020)

Iowa (petitioning deadline: August 14, 2020)
Kentucky (petitioning deadline: September 4, 2020)
Maryland (petitioning deadline: August 3, 2020)
Minnesota (petitioning deadline: August 18, 2020)
New Jersey (petitioning deadline: August 3, 2020)
Pennsylvania (petitioning deadline: August 3, 2020)
Virginia (petitioning deadline: August 21, 2020)
Wisconsin (petitioning deadline: August 4, 2020)

3. I sought or am seeking the nomination of two unaffiliated state Green Parties without ballot lines. Those unaffiliated state Green Parties will nominate by using the state's independent nomination petition procedure:

New Hampshire (petitioning deadline: August 5, 2020)
North Dakota (petitioning deadline: August 31, 2020)

4. I am seeking the nomination of the Independent Left Party of Rhode Island by independent nomination petition due September 4, 2020.

5. I sought or am seeking the nomination by independent nominating petition in nine states to be placed on the ballot as an independent. Those states are:

Alabama (petitioning deadline: August 20, 2020)
Arizona (petitioning deadline, September 4, 2020)
Idaho (petitioning deadline: August 24, 2020)
Kansas (petitioning deadline: August 3, 2020)
Nebraska (petitioning deadline: August 3, 2020)
Ohio (petitioning deadline: August 5, 2020)
South Dakota (petitioning deadline: August 4, 2020)
Tennessee (petitioning deadline: August 18, 2020)
Wyoming (petitioning deadline: August 25, 2020)

6. I am seeking ballot qualification in three states where we have filed challenges in court to existing ballot access petition and/or filing fee requirements:

Indiana (Green Party)
Nevada (independent)
Oklahoma (Green Party)

7. I sought the nomination of the California Peace and Freedom Party, which held its presidential nominating convention on August 1, 2020.

8. I am seeking the nomination of the Progressive Party of Oregon, which will hold its presidential nominating convention on August 24, 2020.

9. I am seeking the nomination of the Legal Marijuana Now Party of Minnesota, which will hold its presidential nomination convention on August 24, 2020

Based on the relevant statutes, historical precedent, and consultation with legal counsel, we believe that September 4, the last day of our petitioning drives to get on the ballot in three states, should be the date ending our campaign's eligibility of contributions for Primary Matching Funds.

However, we recognize that the FEC has taken the position that our last date of eligibility would be August 24, 2020, because our campaign is seeking the nomination of two state parties in two different states that hold their state presidential nominating conventions on that date.

Signed:

Howie Hawkins 8/24/2020
Howie Hawkins, Candidate Date

Travis Christal, CPA 8/24/2020
Travis Christal, Treasurer Date