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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF THE FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON  
COMMITTEE TO ELECT EILEEN ANSARI 41<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report and related documents on the Committee to Elect Eileen Ansari 41<sup>st</sup> Congressional District which was approved by the Commission on July 27, 1999.

Informational copies of the report have been received by all parties involved and the report may be released to the public.

Attachment as stated

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**REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION  
ON THE  
COMMITTEE TO ELECT EILEEN ANSARI  
41<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. AUDIT AUTHORITY**

This report is based on an audit of the Committee to Elect Eileen Ansari 41<sup>st</sup> Congressional District (the Ansari Committee), undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(b) of Title 2 of the United States Code which states, in part, that the Commission may conduct audits and field investigations of any political committee required to file a report under Section 434 of this title. Prior to conducting any audit under this subsection, the Commission shall perform an internal review of reports filed by selected committees to determine if the reports filed by a particular committee meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the Act.

**B. AUDIT COVERAGE**

The audit covered the period from February 24, 1998 through December 31, 1998. The Ansari Committee reported a beginning cash balance of \$0; total receipts for the period of \$102,040; total disbursements for the period of \$100,806; and an ending cash balance of \$1,233.<sup>1</sup>

**C. CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION**

The Ansari Committee registered with the Commission on April 8, 1998, as the principal campaign committee for Eileen Ansari, Democratic candidate for the 41<sup>st</sup> Congressional District from the state of California. Mrs. Ansari did not file a Statement of Candidacy for the 1998 election.

<sup>1</sup>

All amounts in this report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

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The campaign's Treasurer is Esther Rapposelli, who was also the treasurer during the period covered by the audit.

To manage its financial activity, the campaign maintained one checking account. From this account it made approximately 200 disbursements. About 500 contributions, totaling \$74,700, were received from individuals; approximately 20 contributions, totaling \$15,300, were received from political committees, parties; \$12,000 (a loan; in-kind contributions) was received from the candidate.

#### **D. AUDIT SCOPE AND PROCEDURES**

The audit included testing of the following general categories:

1. The receipt of contributions or loans in excess of the statutory limitations;
2. the receipt of contributions from prohibited sources, such as those from corporations or labor organizations;
3. proper disclosure of contributions from individuals, political committees and other entities, to include the itemization of contributions when required, as well as, the completeness and accuracy of the information disclosed(see Finding II.A.);
4. proper disclosure of disbursements including the itemization of disbursements when required, as well as the completeness and accuracy of the information disclosed;
5. proper disclosure of campaign debts and obligations;
6. the accuracy of total reported receipts, disbursements and cash balances as compared to campaign bank records;
7. adequate recordkeeping for campaign transactions; and
8. other audit procedures that were deemed necessary in the situation.

Unless specifically discussed below, no material non-compliance was detected. It should be noted that the Commission may pursue any of the matters discussed in this report in an enforcement action.

## II. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. ITEMIZATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND PARTIES

Section 434(b)(3)(A) of Title 2 of the United States Code requires, in part, a political committee to report the identification of each person who makes a contribution to the committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200 per calendar year together with the date and amount of any such contribution.

Section 434(b)(3)(B) of Title 2 of the United States Code states that each report under this section shall disclose for the reporting period and calendar year, the identification of each political and party committee which makes a contribution to the reporting committee during the reporting period, together with the date and amount of any such contribution.

The Audit staff's review of receipts from individuals, political action committees, and political parties revealed the Ansari Committee failed to itemize twenty-one contributions, totaling \$8,885, as required. It appears that some contributions in this category were not itemized because they did not individually exceed \$200.

At the exit conference, the staff supplied a schedule of contributions that were not itemized. The Treasurer stated that she recalled itemizing these contributions and would provide copies of the schedules. To date, no such evidence has been provided.

In the interim audit report recommendation the Ansari Committee was requested to file amended Schedules A (Itemized Receipts), to properly disclose the contributions noted above.

The Ansari Committee materially complied with the recommendation.

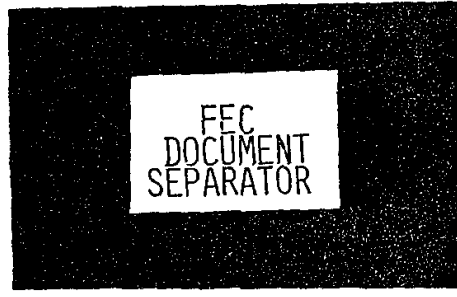
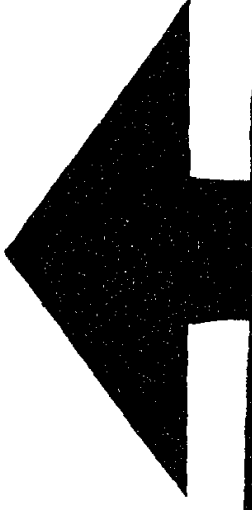
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COMMITTEE TO ELECT EILEEN ANSARI 41<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Audit Fieldwork	5/10/99 — 5/12/99
Interim Audit Report to the Committee	6/10/99
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