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Office of The Secretary of State
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Dear Ms. Sanchez:

My campaign staff and I have been working to provide answers to your office regarding the complaints that span a four-year time period filed by my opponent Jack Sullivan. We communicated with your office by letter dated May 14, 2012; we are filing this response today.

From the beginning our campaign has acted in accordance with the nature of your correspondence as it is considered an investigation and as such we were not compelled to respond to media questions or inquiries.

If any expenditure from the campaign is found to be of question or incorrect by your office-it will be a finding of error on our part- but not one of purposeful intent- and we will take whatever steps the Secretary of State's office deems appropriate.

I have been in attendance at every public forum and debate in this campaign throughout my entire district and I have responded to every issue that has been placed before me.

I have never "hidden" from anyone or any media entity to imply otherwise is simply inaccurate.

I am confident that the findings will show that our contributions and expenditures are in compliance with the "election code" and above-board.

Please let me know if there are any further questions you may have.

Senator Phil Griego P. O. Box 10 San Jose, NM 87565
Representing the Heartland of New Mexico
Bernalillo-Lincoln-Santa Fe-San Miguel-Torrance-Valencia
Paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Phil Griego, Darla Mier Treasurer



The following is my response for each of the six items in Jack Sullivan's complaint.

- 1) On 5/25/11 Phil Griego spent \$955 on a purchase from the Denver Broncos, described as "a constituent event"

RESPONSE- That is true. The campaign paid for 4 sets of 2 Bronco tickets that were auctioned off at our July 2011 Golf fundraiser. Tickets are \$118.75 per ticket plus a \$5 administrative fee.

- 2) On 7/14/11 Phil Griego spent \$4,185 for "Green Fees for a golf tournament": on 10/8/09 he spent \$4,680 on a "Golf Tournament"; and \$1,132 on "golf concessions"

RESPONSE- That is true. At our Golf Fundraisers each participant paid an entry fee which included all related expenses- We deposited the fee for each participant and we then paid for the green fees, the cart fees and concessions from our campaign account. This is the case for both Golf Fundraisers-the one in October of 2009 and one in July of 2011.

- 3) On 3/9/11 Phil Griego paid \$1,300 for "credit card payment for legislative expenses"; on 2/15/11 he was paid \$800 for "Reimbursement for 2011 session expenses"

RESPONSE: These expenditures were for constituent events held during the Legislative session.

- 4) On 10/8/09 Phil Griego spent \$4,680 on "Golf Tournament" and \$1,132 on "Concessions; on 7/14/11 spent \$4,185 on "Green fees for golf tournament"

RESPONSE: Same response as listed in #2 above- this appears to be the same complaint as item #2 only (reversing) the order of the dates.

- 5) On 7/14/10 Phil Griego spent \$1,560 on "Campaign truck tires"; 8/2/11 "auto maintenance for a parade"; 6/11/10 "Campaign truck repair", \$635 to Margarito Ulibarri and then on the same day \$800 to Wayne Sedan for the same job for \$800; 1/8/10 on "advertising for Campaign vehicle"; 2/17/11 "vehicle maintenance for 2011 session"; 11/29/10 "vehicle maintenance for matanza"



REPOSNE- Complaint item #5 is somewhat confusing as it lists items out of sequence over a substantial time frame.

These expenditures are for an antique/historic 1955 Chevy Truck that I use exclusively for campaigning. It is used for attention and is a popular attraction at events such as parades and other related campaign rallies. Obviously the restorative/historical nature of the vehicle requires upkeep and specialized maintenance. I routinely have the account pay all related expenses as the campaign has the sole use of the vehicle.

6) On 2/29/12 Griego got reimburse \$7,500 for "Campaign Office Furniture/Equipment/Supplies"

RESPONSE- This is true- furniture is for the campaign headquarters including – a number of Desks – credenza - conference tables – chairs - file cabinets – printers – copier – shelving – bookcases – refrigerator - and other miscellaneous campaign items.

I hope the above response resolve the issues raised in the Sullivan complaint dated April 27, 2012.

Please let me know if there are any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Phil Griego