

(1) Each host committee and municipal fund shall register with the Commission by filing a *Statement of Organization* on FEC Form 1 within 10 days of the date on which such party chooses the convention city, or within 10 days after the formation of the host committee or municipal fund, whichever is later. In addition to the information already required to be provided on FEC Form 1, the following information shall be disclosed by the registering entity on FEC Form 1: The name and address; the name and address of its officers; and a list of the activities that the registering entity plans to undertake in connection with the convention.

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(3) Each host committee and municipal fund required to register with the Commission under paragraph (a) of this section, shall submit to the Commission a copy of any and all signed agreements that they have entered into with the city, county, or State hosting the convention, a host committee, a municipal fund, or a convention committee, including subsequent modifications to previous agreements, unless such agreements or modifications have already been submitted to the Commission by the convention committee. Each such agreement or modification shall be filed along with the first report due under paragraph (b) of this section after the agreement or modification is executed.

(b) *Post-convention and quarterly reports by host committees and municipal funds; content and time of filing.* (1) Each host committee or municipal fund required to register with the Commission pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section shall file a post convention report on FEC Form 4. The report shall be filed on the earlier of: 60 days following the last day the convention is officially in session; or 20 days prior to the presidential general election. This report shall be complete as of 15 days prior to the date on which the report must be filed and shall disclose all the information required by 11 CFR part 104 with respect to all activities related to a presidential nominating convention.

(2) If such host committee or municipal fund has receipts or makes disbursements after the completion date of the post convention report, it shall begin to file quarterly reports no later than 15 days after the end of the following calendar quarter. This report shall disclose all transactions completed as of the close of that calendar quarter. Quarterly reports shall be filed thereafter until the host committee or

municipal fund ceases all activity that must be reported under this section.

(3) Such host committee or municipal fund shall file a final report with the Commission not later than 10 days after it ceases activity that must be reported under this section, unless such status is reflected in either the post-convention report or a quarterly report.

Alternative to § 9008.17

25. Section 9008.52 would be revised to read as follows:

§ 9008.52 Receipts and disbursements of host committees.

(a) *Receipt of goods or services from commercial vendors.* (1) *Definition of "commercial vendor."* For purposes of this section, *commercial vendor* has the same meaning as provided in 11 CFR 116.1(c).

(2) *Standard reductions or discounts.* Commercial vendors may sell, lease, rent or provide their goods or services to the host committee at reduced or discounted rates, or at no charge, provided that they do so in the ordinary course of business. A reduction or discount shall be considered in the ordinary course of business if the commercial vendor has an established practice of providing the same reductions or discounts for the same amount of its goods or services to non-political clients, or if the reduction or discount is consistent with established practice in the commercial vendor's trade or industry. Examples of reductions or discounts made in the ordinary course of business include standard volume discounts and reduced rates for corporate, governmental or preferred customers. Reductions or discounts provided under this section need not be reported.

(3) *Items provided for promotional consideration.* (i) A commercial vendor may provide goods or services to a host committee in exchange for promotional consideration provided that doing so is in the ordinary course of business.

(ii) The provision of goods or services shall be considered in the ordinary course of business under this paragraph:

(A) If the commercial vendor has an established practice of providing goods or services on a similar scale and on similar terms to non-political clients, or

(B) If the terms and conditions under which the goods or services are provided are consistent with established practice in the commercial vendor's trade or industry in similar circumstances.

(iii) In all cases, the value of the goods or services provided shall not exceed the commercial benefit reasonably expected to be derived from the unique

promotional opportunity presented by the national nominating convention.

(iv) The host committee shall maintain documentation showing: the goods or services provided; the date(s) on which the goods or services were provided; the terms and conditions of the arrangement; and what promotional consideration was provided. In addition, the host committee shall disclose in its report covering the period the goods or services are received in a memo entry, a description of the goods or services provided for promotional consideration, the name and address of the commercial vendor, and the dates on which the goods or services was provided (e.g., "Generic Motor Co., Detroit, Michigan—ten automobiles for use 7/15–7/20, received on 7/14", or "Workers Inc., New York, New York—five temporary secretarial assistants to work 8/1–8/30, received on 8/1").

(4) *Items of de minimis value.* Commercial vendors (including banks) may sell at nominal cost, or provide at no charge, items of *de minimis* value, such as samples, discount coupons, maps, pens, pencils, or other items included in tote bags for those attending the convention. The items of *de minimis* value may be distributed by or with the help of persons employed by the commercial vendor, or employed by or volunteering for a host committee. The value of the items of *de minimis* value provided under this paragraph need not be reported.

(b) *Receipt of donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals.* Businesses (including banks), labor organizations, and other organizations or individuals may donate funds or make in-kind donations to a host committee to be used only for the following purposes:

(1) To defray those expenses incurred for the purpose of promoting the suitability of the city as a convention site, including accommodations and hospitality for officials and employees of the convention and national party committees who are responsible for choosing the sites of the conventions;

(2) To defray those expenses incurred in facilitating commerce, such as providing the convention attendees with shopping and entertainment guides and distributing the samples and promotional material specified in paragraph (a) of this section;

(3) To defray those expenses incurred for welcoming the convention attendees to the city, such as expenses for information booths, receptions, and tours;

(4) To defray the host committee's administrative expenses incurred by the host committee, such as host committee