

**Internal Revenue Service**  
P.O. Box 2508  
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**Department of the Treasury**

**Date: January 9, 2012**

Richmond Tea Party, Inc.  
c/o Jamie Radtke  


**Employer Identification Number:**  
27-0920175

**Person to Contact – Group #: 7822**  
Specialist Name - Stephen Seok  
ID# 1000203334

**Contact Telephone Numbers:**  
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**Response Due Date:**  
January 23, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the information recently submitted regarding your application for exemption. Unfortunately, we need more information before we can complete our consideration of your application.

Please provide the information requested on the enclosed Information Request by the response due date shown above. Your response must be signed by an authorized person or an officer whose name is listed on the application. Also, the information you submit should be accompanied by the following declaration:

*Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.*

If we approve your application for exemption, we will be required by law to make the application and the information that you submit in response to this letter available for public inspection. Please ensure that your response doesn't include unnecessary personal identifying information, such as bank account numbers or Social Security numbers, that could result in identity theft or other adverse consequences if publicly disclosed. If you have any questions about the public inspection of your application or other documents, please call the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

To facilitate processing of your application, please attach a copy of this letter and the enclosed Application Identification Sheet to your response and all correspondence related to your application. This will enable us to quickly and accurately associate the additional documents with your case file. Also, please note the following important response submission information:

- Please don't fax and mail your response. Faxing and mailing your response will result in unnecessary delays in processing your application. Each piece of correspondence submitted

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(whether fax or mail) must be processed, assigned, and reviewed by an EO Determinations specialist.

- Please don't fax your response multiple times. Faxing your response multiple times will delay the processing of your application for the reasons noted above.
- Please don't call to verify receipt of your response without allowing for adequate processing time. It takes a minimum of three workdays to process your faxed or mailed response from the day it is received.

If we don't hear from you by the response due date shown above, we will assume you no longer want us to consider your application for exemption and will close your case. As a result, the Internal Revenue Service will treat you as a taxable entity. If we receive the information after the response due date, we may ask you to send us a new application.

In addition, if you don't respond to the information request by the due date, we will conclude that you have not taken all reasonable steps to complete your application for exemption. Under Internal Revenue Code section 7428(b)(2), you must show that you have taken all the reasonable steps to obtain your exemption letter under IRS procedures in a timely manner and exhausted your administrative remedies before you can pursue a declaratory judgment. Accordingly, if you fail to timely provide the information we need to enable us to act on your application, you may lose your rights to a declaratory judgment under Code section 7428.

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen Seok  
Exempt Organizations Specialist

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**RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR RESPONSE**

Please read the Penalties of Perjury statement on page 1 above. Then, please sign and date below, indicating you agree to the Declaration.

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Name
Date

**Additional Information Requested:**

- 1) Provide a filed copy of the Articles of Organization and a filed copy of operating agreement of the Richmond Tea Party, LLC (to consider April 2, 2009 as your exemption date if granted).

We do have the response and documents that you sent to us on October 22, 2010. They are complete and thorough responses - thank you. Unfortunately, we need the following for the period from October 22, 2010 to now as we have some lapse of time. We thank you for your understanding on this matter in advance.

- 2) Please provide the following information for your board members, officers, and employees:
  - a) If you added new board members, officers, or employees since the last correspondence, provide the titles, duties, work hours, and compensation amounts of the new board members, officers, and employees. If they only work for a certain time yearly, bi-yearly, or quad-yearly, please provide the periods they had (have) worked and will work. Please identify your volunteers.
  - c) If you have a board member or officer who has run or will run for a public office in the near future, please describe fully. If none, please confirm by answering "None" to this question.
- 3) Provide the following information for all the events and programs you have conducted and participated from October 22, 2010 to now (other than the events and programs that are questioned below separately). Please answer the following for each event:
  - a) The time, location, and detailed description of each event or program
  - b) Copies of handouts you provided to the audience, participants, and the public
  - c) The names and credentials of the organizers
  - d) If speeches or forums were conducted in the event or program, provide detailed contents of the speeches or forums, names of the speakers or panels, and their credentials. If any speakers or panel members were paid, provide the amount were paid for each person. If not, please indicate they volunteered to conduct the event or program.
  - e) The names of persons from your organization and the amount of time they spent on the event or program. Indicate the name and amount of time they spent on the event or program. Indicate the name and amount of compensation that were paid to each person. If no one were paid, indicate this event were conducted by volunteers to each person.
  - f) Indicate the percentage of time and resources you spent on all the events and programs in

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relation to 100% of all your activities.

- g) Will your near future events and programs remain similar to those you have been conducting recently? If not, explain the changes of your events and programs in the near future in terms of contents, time, and resources.
- 4) Provide the following for your publishing activities including books, CD's, DVD's, newsletters, literatures, flyers, brochures, pamphlets, voter guides, and class handouts (from October 22, 2010 to now):
- a) Copies of all the publications and/or advertising materials that you have distributed.
  - b) Expense amounts incurred for your publishing activities from October 22, 2010 to now
  - c) Indicate the percentage of time and resources you spend on these activities in relation to 100% of all your activities.
  - h) Will your near future publishing activities remain similar to those you have been conducting recently? If not, explain the changes of your publishing activities in the near future in terms of contents, time, and resources.
- 5) Provide the following information for your web and internet related activities:
- a) Copies of your current web pages and your presentations on other web pages such as social networking sites and blog sites (from October 22, 201 to now). If you are a membership organization, please include all the pages that are accessible only to your members.
  - b) Expense amounts incurred for your web and internet related activities from October 22, 201 to now.
  - b) Indicate the percentage of time and resources you spend on these activities in relation to 100% of all your activities.
- 6) Have you attempted or will you attempt to influence the outcome of specific legislation (in the near future)? If so, provide the following:
- a) Provide copies of all communications, pamphlets, advertisements, and other materials distributed by the organization regarding the legislation.
  - b) Provide copies of any radio, television, or internet advertisements relating to your lobbying activities
  - c) Please indicate the percentage of time and resources you have spent or will spend conducting these activities in relation to 100% of all your activities.

If not, please confirm by answering "No" to this question.

- 7) Have you engaged or will you engage in business dealings with any candidate(s) for public office or an organization associated with the candidate, such as renting office space or providing access to a membership list (in the near future)?

If so, describe the relationship in detail and copies of any contracts or other agreements documenting the business relationship.

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If not, please confirm by answering "No" to this question.

- 8) Are you associated with any other IRC 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or 527 organizations? If so, provide the following:
- Provide the name, employer identification number, and address of the organizations
  - Describe in detail the nature of the relationship(s).
  - Do you work with those organization(s) regularly? Describe the nature of the contacts.
  - List shared employees, volunteers, resources, office space, etc. with the organization(s).
  - Please indicate the percentage of time and resources you have spent or will spend conducting these activities in relation to 100% of all your activities.

If not, please confirm by answering "No" to this question.

- 9) If you have conducted or will conduct any activities other than the ones we have already cited above (in the near future), provide answers for the following questions regarding past, present and future activities. If you have not conducted and will not conduct any other activities, please confirm by answering "No" to this question.
- What does the activity/service entail?
  - Who conducts the activity/service?
  - When and where is the activity/service conducted?
  - Please indicate the percentage of time and resources you have spent or will spend conducting these activities in relation to 100% of all your activities.

If you have not conducted or will not conduct any activities other than the ones we have already cited, please confirm by answering "No" to this question.

- 10) Are you a membership organization? If so, provide the following for your membership:
- How many members do you have currently?
  - What does the memberships consist of? Are they mostly individuals? What is the percentage of the organizational members as they are part of the whole membership?
  - Provide member application/registration form
  - Provide membership agreement and rules that governs members.
  - Provide a membership fee schedule.
  - What are the membership requirements?
  - What services and benefits do you provide especially for members only?
  - What are the roles and duties of your members?
  - Provide copies of your website that your members can only access.

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11) Provide the following information for the income you received and raised for the years from inception to the present. Also, provide the same information for the income you expect to receive and raise for 2012, 2013, and 2014.

a) Donations, contributions, and grant income for each year which includes the following Information:

- The names of the donors, contributors, and grantors. If the donor, contributor, or grantor has run or will run for a public office, identify the office. If not, please confirm by answering this question "No".
- The amounts of each of the donations, contributions, and grants and the dates you received them.
- How did you use these donations, contributions, and grants? Provide the details.

If you did not receive or do not expect to receive any donation, contribution, and grant income, please confirm by answering this question "None received" and/or "None expected".

b) The amounts of membership income received for each year. If you did not receive or do not expect to receive any membership income, please confirm by answering this question "None received" and/or "None expected".

c) The amounts of fundraising income received for each year. If you did not receive or do not expect to receive any fundraising income, please confirm by answering this question "None received" and/or "None expected".

d) The amounts of any other incomes received for each year. If you did not receive or do not expect to receive any other incomes, please confirm by answering this question "None received" and/or "None expected".

NOTE: Please do not attach tax returns or ledgers to respond to the above questions.

12) Provide the following information for the expenses you have incurred for the years from inception to the present. Also, provide the same information for the expenses you expect to incur for 2012, 2013, and 2014.

a) Donation, contribution, and grant expenses for each year which includes the following Information:

- The names of the donees, recipients, and grantees. If the donee, recipient, or grantee has run or will run for a public office, identify the office. If not, please confirm by answering this question "No".
- The amounts of each of the donations, contributions, and grants and the dates you donated, contributed, or granted them.
- The amounts of each of the donations, contributions, and grants and the dates you expect to donate, contribute, or grant them.
- Provide the reasons for issuing the donations, contributions, and grants.

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If you did not issue or do not expect to issue receive any donations, contributions, and grants, please confirm by answering this question "None to be provided".

b) Compensation, salary, wage and reimbursement expenses for each year with the following information:

- The names of the payees. If the payee has run or will run for a public office, identify the office. If not, please confirm by answering this question "No".
- The amounts of each payment and the dates you made or expect to make each payment.
- The services the payee provided in return for the payment.
- Provide the reasons for issuing the donations, contributions, and grants?

c) The lists and amounts of any other expenses for each year.

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PLEASE DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING YOUR CASE TO:

US Mail:

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 Exempt Organizations  
 P. O. Box 2508  
 Cincinnati, OH 45201  
 ATT: Stephen Seok  
 Room 4508  
 Group 7822


Street Address for Delivery Service:

Internal Revenue Service  
 Exempt Organizations  
 550 Main St, Federal Bldg.  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202  
 ATT: Stephen Seok  
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Internal Revenue Service  
P.O. Box 2508 - Room 4504  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

Department of the Treasury

Date: September 17, 2010

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C/o Jamie Radtke  


Employer Identification Number:  
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Person to Contact - Group #: -  
Elizabeth Hofacre - 7822  
ID# 1000203126

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513-263-3605 Phone  
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Response Due Date:  
October 8, 2010

Dear Sir or Madam:

We need more information before we can complete our consideration of your application for 1024 exemption. Please provide the information requested on the enclosure by the response due date shown above. Your response must be signed by an authorized person or an officer whose name is listed on your application. Also, the information you submit should be accompanied by the following declaration:

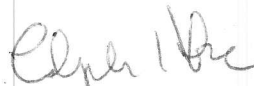
*Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.*

To facilitate processing of your application, **please attach a copy of this letter to your response.** This will enable us to quickly and accurately associate the additional documents with your case file.

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Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth Hofacre  
Exempt Organizations Specialist

Enclosure: Information Request

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Additional Information Requested:

1. Enclosed is a copy of web pages from <http://www.richmondteaparty.com/> dated September 17, 2010. Verify that this is your website.
2. Provide a resume for each member of your governing body.
3. Provide copies of all your newsletters.
4. Provide promotional literature developed by your Activist Committee.
5. Provide a list and description of specific events that your Activist Committee has organized. In particular, describe motivational activities and copies of any literature presented.
6. Provide copies of literature developed and distributed by your Community Events Committee.
7. Provide a list and description of your specific educational programs developed by the Education Committee.
8. Provide materials used in your educational programs.
9. Describe how your educational programs are used to support up coming legislative actions.
10. Provide copies of voter guides developed by your Research Committee.
11. Provide a list of your committee chairpersons, and the names of the committees they chair.
12. Give examples of citizen lobbying.
13. Describe in detail your fundraising through mail solicitations, email solicitations, and personal solicitations. Provide copies of any material you provide to the persons or organizations you are soliciting from.

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14. Provide copies of any sponsorship agreements.
15. Provide copies of your materials on Face Book.
16. According to your income statement in your Form 1024, you have performed activities resulting in Unrelated Business Income. Describe in detail such activities. Also, indicate the percentage of time devoted to such activities.
17. Describe in detail how you will become involved in events of other organizations. In addition, name the other organizations and the activities conducted for such events.

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