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2011 NON GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

1. Group Name (Write the group name as it appears on all communications and spell out acronyms):

2. Group Purpose (Describe the purpose of your group in one or two sentences):

NOTE: All filings submitted to APOC are public records and are available to the public as submitted. DO NOT include any of the following personal information: social security numbers, account numbers, credit card numbers, copies of checks, financial records with account numbers or access codes, or any documents with personal identification numbers.

3. GROUP MAILING ADDRESS: _____

4. GROUP OFFICERS (please provide email addresses for the Chair and Treasurer):

Chair: _____ **Address:** _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Contact Email:** _____ **Fax:** _____

Treasurer: _____ **Address:** _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Contact Email:** _____ **Fax:** _____

Deputy Treasurer(s): (Name and Address)

5. CAMPAIGN PLANS (Check all that apply) Our group plans to spend money campaigning in the:

_____ **2011** Special Municipal Election in _____ Election Date: _____

_____ **2011** Anchorage Election Election Date: **April 5, 2011**

_____ **2011** Statewide Municipal Elections in _____ Election Date: **October 4, 2011**

_____ Our group does not plan to campaign in **2011**, but will collect or expend money to influence **2012** elections, to pay debts or administrative expenses. **Note:** The group must file a Year-End Report.

_____ Our group is an initiative proposal application group and is active before the initiative is certified for the ballot in an election. **Note:** The group must amend its registration, indicate the election in which it will

be active, and may have to change its name if the initiative application is certified for the ballot in an election and the group intends to support or oppose the initiative.

_____ Disbanding: Our group will disband during **2011**. We have no plans to re-form and will close out our campaign account. **Note:** File a final report within 10 days of closing the campaign account.

NOTE: If your campaign plans change during the year, immediately update your registration. If you are active in an election and do not register and report, the group is subject to civil penalties.

6. TYPE OF GROUP

NON GROUP ENTITY - If the Non-Group is a corporation, please provide one of the following:

_____ Determination from the United States Internal Revenue Service that the corporation is a social welfare organization as described in 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4);

_____ An incorporation certificate issued under AS 10.20 (Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act) or under a substantially similar statute of another state:

_____ Corporation's articles of incorporation and bylaws;

_____ An affidavit from a director or officer that the corporation's purposes include one or more of the following;

- issue advocacy;
- influencing elections; or
- research, training, or educational activities tied to the corporation's political goals;

_____ An affidavit from a director or officer that the corporation does not include shareholders or persons other than employees who:

- have an equitable interest in the corporation or are affiliated in a way that would allow them to make a claim on the organization's assets or earnings; or

- receive a benefit that they would lose if they ended their affiliation with the corporation or that they could obtain unless they became affiliated; for the purposes of this section, "benefit" includes a credit card, an insurance policy, a savings plan, and education or business information.

If the Non-Group is not a corporation, please provide one of the following:

_____ Copy of the bylaws or minutes; or

_____ An affidavit signed by an owner, officer, chair, partner, or board member showing that the non-group entity does not participate in business activities, has no shareholders, and is independent from the influence of business corporation.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS/CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY

Provide the name and location of the regulated banking institution that holds your campaign account if your group intends to raise or spend more than \$5,000 during 2011 or plans to be active in more than one election.

NAME OF BANK _____ LOCATION _____

The treasurer must sign all campaign disclosure reports. AS 15.13.060(a)

Certification		
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the above information is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.	Treasurer's Signature	Date
	Printed name of treasurer	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

GROUP REGISTRATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is a Group?

Two or more individuals organized and acting together for the principal purpose of:

- Influencing or taking major steps to influence the outcome of an election or an initiative proposal application
- Intending to file an initiative proposal application under AS 15.45.020
- Filing an initiative proposal application under AS 15.45.020
- Refer to AS 15.13.400(8) and 2 AAC 50.290 for more information.

2. What is an Expenditure?

A purchase or transfer of money or anything of value, or a promise or agreement to purchase or transfer money or anything of value, incurred or made for the purpose of:

- Influencing the nomination or election of a candidate
- Use by a political party
- Influencing the outcome of a ballot proposition
- Supporting or opposing an initiative proposal application

The payment by a person, other than a candidate or political party, of compensation for the services of another person that are rendered to the candidate or party.

Refer to AS 15.13.400(6) for more information.

3. Who Must File This Form?

Each person¹ other than an individual must register with APOC before making an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate, a ballot proposition, or an initiative proposal application. Refer to AS 15.13.050 for more information.

4. Are There Restrictions On Group Names?

Group names must include:

- The title or common name of the initiative if the group intends to spend 50% or more of its funds in support of or in opposition to a single ballot initiative.
- The candidate's name if the group intends to spend 33.3% or more of its funds in support of or in opposition to one candidate.

¹ The definition of person includes a natural person, corporations, companies, partnerships, firms, associations, organizations, business trusts, societies, labor unions, nongroup entities, and groups. AS 01.10.60(8), AS 15.13.400 (14).

- “Opposes,” “opposing,” or “against” or similar words if the group is opposing a candidate or ballot initiative.
- Refer to AS 15.13.050(b) and (c) for more information.

5. When Does My Group Have To Register?

This registration is valid only for the election cycle selected in Section 5 of the Group Registration Form. You must file a new registration with APOC before making an expenditure in any other election and at the beginning of every year until the group disbands.

6. How Do I Submit The Group Registration Form?

By mail, hand delivery, or fax via the address information listed on page 1, or by e-mailing a completed .pdf version to DOA.APOC.REPORTS@alaska.gov.