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BY-LAWS OF DISPAC-USA

Article I: Name and Definition

The Disability Political Action Committee of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as DISPAC-USA, is a voluntary, nonprofit, unincorporated committee that is not affiliated with any political party.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of DISPAC-USA is to elect and support public officials who understand and will advocate on behalf of people with disabilities.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Applications - Applications for membership shall be available to any individual or organization interested in furthering the purpose of DISPAC-USA.

Section 2: Approval - Candidates for membership shall be subject to approval by the DISPAC-USA Board of Directors.

Section 3: Term - The term of membership shall be for one year from date of application.

Section 4: Removal - Membership may be terminated for any person or organization that acts contrary to the purpose of DISPAC-USA.

Article IV: Board of Directors

Section 1: Composition - There shall be five Directors of DISPAC-USA. At least three of the Directors shall be persons with disabilities.

Section 2: Term - Directors terms of office shall begin the first of the month following the election. The terms of office shall be two years.

Section 3: Selection - Directors shall be elected by the membership. Two Directors shall be elected in even numbered years and three Directors shall be elected in odd numbered years.

Section 4: Quorum - A simple majority shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5: Vacancy - A vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term of office.

Section 6: Removal - A Director may be removed from the Board for an act contrary to the purpose of DISPAC-USA.

Article V: Officers

Section 1: Composition - There shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2: Term - Officers terms of office shall begin on the first day of the month following the election. The term of office shall be one year.

Section 3: Selection - Officers shall be appointed from within the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Vacancy - Vacancy in the position of Chairperson

shall be filled by the Vice-Chairperson. Vacancy in the position of Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Vacancies in the office of Vice-Chairperson or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term of the office.

Section 5: Removal - An Officer may be removed from office for an act contrary to the purpose of DISPAC-USA.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: There shall be at least one annual business meeting of the general membership of DISPAC-USA.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly.

Article VII: Committees

The Board of Directors shall appoint committees as it determines are necessary and desirable for carrying out its purposes and objectives. The Chairperson and all other members of such committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII: Records

Section 1: Books and Records - The Board of Directors shall keep complete and correct books and records.

Section 2: Contributions shall be deposited in such banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

Section 3: The fiscal year shall be January 1 - December 31.

Article IX: Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.

Hope you are having a great time.

Love,

Joyce

Joyce Cassel Frieden, Secretary-Treasurer
DISPAC-USA 7-10-90

*P.S. Govey
misses you!*



**The President's Committee on
Employment of People With Disabilities**

Dignity, Equality, Independence Through Employment

Suite 636
1111 20th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-3470
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Chairman

October 8, 1990

Dear Les

Congratulations on founding
DISPAC-USA - Enclosed is my
check for \$500 - a contribution
by Yoluba and me to help with
the organizing expenses.
Good on!

[Signature]

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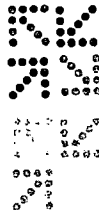
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(FORT DAVIS, TX 79734) Washington, D.C. 20024
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Application for Employer Identification Number

(For use by employers and others. Please read the attached instructions before completing this form.) Please type or print clearly.

EIN

OMB No. 1545-0003
Expires 7-31-91

1 Name of applicant (True legal name) (See instructions.) Texas DISPAC					
2 Trade name of business, if different from name in line 1 DISPAC			3 Executor, trustee, "care of name" Joyce Cassel Frieden		
4a Mailing address (street address) (room, apt., or suite no.) 3634 N. Braeswood Blvd.			5a Address of business. (See instructions.)		
4b City, state, and ZIP code Houston, Texas 77025			5b City, state, and ZIP code		
6 County and state where principal business is located HARRIS County, Texas					
7 Name of principal officer, grantor, or general partner. (See instructions.) ▶ Lex Frieden, Chairperson					
8a Type of entity (Check only one box.) (See instructions.)					
☐ Individual SSN ☐ Estate ☐ Trust					
☐ REMIC ☐ Plan administrator SSN ☐ Partnership					
☐ State/local government ☐ Personal service corp. ☐ Other corporation (specify) ☐ Farmers' cooperative					
☐ National guard ☐ Federal government/military ☐ Church or church controlled organization					
☒ Other nonprofit organization (specify) political action committee If nonprofit organization enter GEN (if applicable)					
☐ Other (specify) ▶					
8b If a corporation, give name of foreign country (if applicable) or state in the U.S. where incorporated ▶		Foreign country		State	
9 Reason for applying (Check only one box)					
☐ Started new business ☐ Changed type of organization (specify) ▶					
☐ Hired employees ☐ Purchased going business					
☐ Created a pension plan (specify type) ▶ ☐ Created a trust (specify) ▶					
☒ Banking purpose (specify) ▶ checking ☐ Other (specify) ▶					
10 Date business started or acquired (Mo., day, year) (See instructions.) October 5, 1990			11 Enter closing month of accounting year. (See instructions.) December		
12 First date wages or annuities were paid or will be paid (Mo., day, year). Note: If applicant is a withholding agent, enter date income will first be paid to nonresident alien. (Mo., day, year). NA					
13 Enter highest number of employees expected in the next 12 months. Note: If the applicant does not expect to have any employees during the period, enter "0".			Nonagricultural 0		Agricultural 0
			Household 0		
14 Does the applicant operate more than one place of business? ☐ Yes ☒ No					
If "Yes," enter name of business. ▶					
15 Principal activity or service (See instructions.) ▶ Non-profit political action committee					
16 Is the principal business activity manufacturing? ☐ Yes ☒ No					
If "Yes," principal product and raw material used ▶					
17 To whom are most of the products or services sold? Please check the appropriate box.					
☐ Public (retail) ☐ Other (specify) ▶ ☐ Business (wholesale) ☒ N/A					
18a Has the applicant ever applied for an identification number for this or any other business? ☐ Yes ☒ No					
Note: If "Yes," please complete lines 18b and 18c.					
18b If you checked the "Yes" box in line 18a, give applicant's true name and trade name, if different than name shown on prior application.					
True name ▶			Trade name ▶		
18c Enter approximate date, city, and state where the application was filed and the previous employer identification number if known.					
Approximate date when filed (Mo., day, year)		City and state where filed		Previous EIN	
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.					
Name and title (Please type or print clearly.) ▶ Joyce Cassel Frieden, Secretary-Treasurer				Telephone number (include area code) (713) 666-6556	
Signature ▶ Joyce Cassel Frieden				Date ▶ Oct 29, 1990	
Note: Do not write below this line. For official use only:					
Please leave blank ▶		Geo.		Ind.	
				Class	
				Size	
				Reason for applying	

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DISPAC U.S.A.

2 Trade name of business, if different from name in line 1

3 Executor, trustee, "care of name"

Joyce Cassel Frieden

4a Mailing address (street address) (room, apt., or suite no.)

3634 N. Braeswood Blvd.

5a Address of business. (See instructions.)

4b City, state, and ZIP code

Houston, Texas 77025

5b City, state, and ZIP code

6 County and state where principal business is located

Harris County, Texas

7 Name of principal officer, grantor, or general partner. (See instructions.) ▶

Lex Frieden, Chairperson

8a Type of entity (Check only one box.) (See instructions.)

☐ Individual SSN

☐ REMIC

☐ State/local government

☒ Other nonprofit organization (specify)

☐ Other (specify) ▶

☐ Personal service corp.

☐ National guard

☐ political action committee

☐ Estate

☐ Plan administrator SSN

☐ Other corporation (specify)

☐ Federal government/military

☐ Trust

☐ Partnership

☐ Farmers' cooperative

☐ Church or church controlled organization

If nonprofit organization enter GEN (if applicable)

8b If a corporation, give name of foreign country (if applicable) or state in the U.S. where incorporated ▶

Foreign country

State

9 Reason for applying (Check only one box)

☐ Started new business

☐ Hired employees

☐ Created a pension plan (specify type) ▶

☒ Banking purpose (specify) ▶ **checking**

☐ Changed type of organization (specify) ▶

☐ Purchased going business

☐ Created a trust (specify) ▶

☐ Other (specify) ▶

10 Date business started or acquired (Mo., day, year) (See instructions.)

October 5, 1990

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NA

13 Enter highest number of employees expected in the next 12 months. Note: If the applicant does not expect to have any employees during the period, enter "0."

Nonagricultural

Agricultural

Household

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14 Does the applicant operate more than one place of business?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," enter name of business. ▶

15 Principal activity or service (See instructions.) ▶ **non profit political action committee**

16 Is the principal business activity manufacturing?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," principal product and raw material used ▶

17 To whom are most of the products or services sold? Please check the appropriate box.

☐ Public (retail)

☐ Other (specify) ▶

☐ Business (wholesale)

☒ N/A

18a Has the applicant ever applied for an identification number for this or any other business?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Note: If "Yes," please complete lines 18b and 18c.

18b If you checked the "Yes" box in line 18a, give applicant's true name and trade name, if different than name shown on prior application.

True name ▶

Trade name ▶

18c Enter approximate date, city, and state where the application was filed and the previous employer identification number if known.

Approximate date when filed (Mo., day, year)

City and state where filed

Previous EIN

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Telephone number (include area code)

Name and title (Please type or print clearly.) ▶ **Joyce Cassel Frieden**

Secretary-Treasurer

(713) 666-6556

Signature ▶

Joyce Cassel Frieden

Date ▶

Oct 29, 1990

Note: Do not write below this line. For official use only.

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Reason for applying

Lex Frieden - Please check these - Wendy is helping with the federal tax I.D.#

BY LAWS OF

Article I: Name and Purpose

The Disability Rights Act of the United States of America, hereby established, is a voluntary, non-profit, non-sectarian organization affiliated with any other organization.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to provide officials and the public with disabilities.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be available to all persons further.

Section 2: Membership subject to approval.

Section 3: Membership year from date of joining.

Section 4: Any person or organization may join DISFAC-USA.

Article IV: Board of Directors

Section 1: The Board of Directors of DISFAC-USA, at large, shall consist of persons with disabilities.

Section 2: Term of office of the first of the members of the Board shall be two years.

Section 3: Selection of membership. Two Directors shall be elected for two years and three Directors shall be elected for one year.

Section 4: Quorum shall be a majority of the members.

Section 5: Vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

Section 6: Resignation of a member of the Board for an act or omission shall be subject to the Board's decision.

Article V: Officers

Section 1: Composition of the Board shall include a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2: Term - Officers' terms of office shall begin on the first day of the month following the election. The term of office shall be one year.

Section 3: Selection - Officers shall be appointed from within the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Vacancy - Vacancy in the position of Chairperson

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Article VI: Meetings
Section 1
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quarterly.

Article VII: Purposes
The Board
determine the
purposes
of such
Board of Directors

Article VIII: Records
Section 1
keep complete
Records
other documents
Section 2

Article IX: Officers
These Officers
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Hope you are

Time.

Joyce

Joyce Cassel-Frieder
DISFAC-UNA

P.S. Govey
misses you!

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**APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE
COMMITTEE'S CAMPAIGN TREASURER'**

(Title 15, Texas Election Code)

AMENDED FILING ² ☐

If amended filing, please identify the type of information that has been changed by checking the appropriate box below:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Name of Political Committee (former name _____) | ☐ Telephone number |
| ☐ Name of campaign treasurer | ☐ Address |
| ☐ Organizational information under (a) or (b) below | ☐ Assistant campaign treasurer's name/telephone number/address |
| ☐ Name of other general-purpose committee(s) to whom the committee will make contributions | |

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Name of Political Committee ³ Texas DISPAC (Texas Disability Political Action Committee)

Appointment of Campaign Treasurer ⁴

Name of Campaign Treasurer Joyce Cassel Frieden	Telephone Number (713) 666-6556
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Residence or Business Street Address 3634 N. Braeswood Blvd., Houston, TX 77025	Mailing Address (Optional) same
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Name of Person Making Appointment ⁵ Lex Frieden
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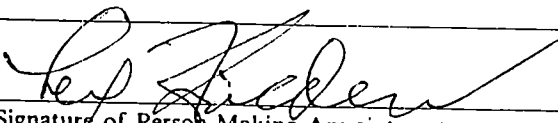
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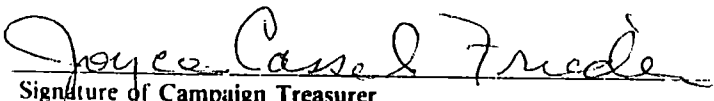
(a) the name of each corporation, labor organization, or other association or legal entity that directly establishes, administers, or controls the committee, if applicable; or

(b) the name of each person who determines to whom the committee makes contributions or the name of each person who determines for what purposes the committee makes expenditures.

b) Wendy Wilkinson, L.C. Garrison, Jim Laughlin, Joyce Frieden
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List the full name and address of each general-purpose committee to whom the committee intends to make political contributions. ⁷

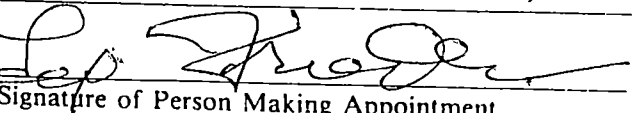

Signature of Person Making Appointment
on Behalf of Political Committee

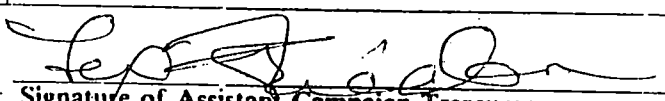

Signature of Campaign Treasurer

Appointment of Assistant Campaign Treasurer ⁸ (Optional)

Name of Assistant Campaign Treasurer Lex Frieden	Telephone Number (713) 666-6556
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Residence or Business Street Address 3634 N. Braeswood, Houston, TX 77025	Name of Person Making Appointment Lex Frieden
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Signature of Person Making Appointment
on Behalf of Political Committee


Signature of Assistant Campaign Treasurer

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FOOTNOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

(see reverse side for instructions)

1. (a) Name of Committee (in Full) ☐ Check if name or address is changed. DISPAC U.S.A. (Disability Political Action Committee, U.S.A.)	2. Date October 5, 1990
(b) Address (Number and Street) 3634 N. Braeswood	3. FEC Identification Number
(c) City, State and ZIP Code Houston, Texas 77025	4. Is this an amended Statement? ☐ YES ☒ NO

5. TYPE OF COMMITTEE (check one):

- ☐ (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- ☐ (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)

Name of Candidate	Candidate Party Affiliation	Office Sought	State/District
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- ☐ (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate _____ and is NOT an authorized committee.
(name of candidate)
- ☐ (d) This committee is a _____ committee of the _____ Party.
(National, State or subordinate) (Democratic, Republican, etc.)
- ☐ (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund.
- ☒ (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate and is NOT a separate segregated fund nor a party committee.

6. Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee	Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Relationship

If the registering political committee has identified a "connected organization" above, please indicate type of organization:

- ☐ Corporation ☐ Corporation w/o Capital Stock ☐ Labor Organization ☐ Membership Organization ☐ Trade Association ☐ Cooperative

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number - optional) and position, the person in possession of committee books and records.

Full Name	Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Title or Position
Treasurer		

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number - optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Full Name	Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Title or Position
Joyce Cassel Frieden	3634 N. Braeswood Houston, TX 77025	Treasurer
Lex Frieden	" "	Assistant Treasurer

9. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.	Mailing Address and ZIP Code
NCNB	1020 Holcombe Houston, Texas 77030

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Joyce Cassel Frieden
Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Joyce Cassel Frieden
SIGNATURE OF TREASURER

October 5, 1990
Date

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

For further information contact:

Federal Election Commission, Toll Free 800-424-9530, Local 202-523-4068

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FEC FORM 1 (3/80)

August 27, 1990

Mr. Richard Huff
Fulbright & Jaworski
1301 McKinney
Houston, Texas 77010

Dear Mr. Huff:

I enjoyed meeting you on the telephone recently, and I appreciate your offer to assist, to the extent possible, in the organization of our Disability Political Action Committee. As I mentioned to you on the telephone, the extent of our organization at the present time amounts to approximately 35 people, most of them people with disabilities, parents of people with disabilities, or professionals working in the disability field. This group has met on several occasions and has already created sub-committees working on a variety of policy-related issues and matters.

While many of us who are involved in this group represent a variety of non-profit private organizations which could be a vehicle for a PAC, all of us agree that an independent, free-standing organization fits our concept far better than an affiliation with any given group. I have enclosed, for your information, minutes of an organizational meeting which will provide you with some background on the ideas which our leadership has regarding the formation of a PAC. Included is the statement of purpose which our group has composed. Also enclosed are some clippings which suggest issues that we might address in the future under the auspices of a PAC.

Before we go any further, it is important for us to have wise counsel about the need to incorporate as a non-profit organization. Our uninformed preference is to be bound informally and organize state and federal political action committees as an unincorporated body of colleagues. We would really appreciate your guidance on this matter.

Also, we understand that there are nuances in the way PACs are organized both at the state and federal levels, and we understand that organizational documentation and application for recognition by the respective election oversight bodies must be accurate. Therefore, we would appreciate your assistance in filling out the required forms and your guidance as to the main details which we

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must undertake as an organization. We understand that there are many documentation requirements with respect to tracking where money comes from and where it goes, and we are prepared to undertake these obligations in a professional manner.

I hope you can assist us by answering certain basic questions and by providing us with some essential basic guidance. Part of our problem at this point is that we do not know all of the questions which we should ask, and you may be helpful in defining those questions for us. As I mentioned to you on the telephone, we are not, and do not, expect to be a well endowed organization. We simply wish to be organized in our approach to the political system, and we believe a PAC may give us the symbolic authority needed to represent our collective views on certain subjects which are of particular natural interest to us.

I understand that you cannot represent Fulbright & Jaworski in your dealings with us, and I understand that any assistance which you may provide to us will be limited to the extent of other commitments which you have. As you know, we are unable, at this time, to compensate you for any work you do to assist us.

You have been recommended to us by the most credible sources, and I hope you can help us with our project. As you can probably tell, we are anxious to take advantage of the full measure of opportunity that we have as citizens to effect improvements in the quality of life for people with disabilities through the political process.

Sincerely yours,

Lex Frieden
Executive Director

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Enclosures

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI

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September 24, 1990

Re: Formation of State and Federal
Political Action Committee

Mr. Lex Frieden, Executive Director
The Institute for Rehabilitation
and Research Foundation
5100 Travis
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Frieden:

It is our understanding that your organization wishes to establish two political action committees ("DISPAC"), one under state law and the other under federal law. To facilitate this process, we enclose an Appointment of General Purpose Committee's Campaign Treasurer form (the "Campaign Treasurer Form") and a Statement of Organization FEC - Form 1 (the "Statement of Organization"). Each of these forms, respectively, are the primary documents used to create a state and federal political committee. The procedure for establishing a state and federal political committee is set forth below, along with other information essential to the administration of a political committee. As we discussed earlier, each organization should maintain separate accounts, even though the membership may be the same.

We would like to emphasize, however, that the regulatory framework (state and federal) is expansive and often times ambiguous. To apprise you of every legal nuance, eventuality or possibility regarding political committees is not the goal of this letter. Indeed, it has been our experience that most questions that arise are singularly unique to each client and not applicable in other circumstances. In

Mr. Lex Frieden
September 24, 1990
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any event, many of the administrative questions that you may have can be answered by the (Texas) Secretary of State or the Federal Election Commission.

I.

Formation of Political Committee
Under State Law

General

There are the two types of political committees under Texas law. Generally, a specific-purpose political committee supports or opposes one or more candidates or office holders who seek offices that are known or measures that are identified. On the other hand, a general-purpose political committee (the "GP Committee") supports or opposes one or more candidates and office holders who seek offices that are unknown, or measures which are unidentified.

Based on your letter, the enclosed material sent therewith and our recent conversations, it appears that a GP Committee would provide you with an organization broader in scope and with the flexibility needed to accomplish the goals of DISPAC.

Creation

Formation of a GP Committee is a relatively simple process. First, your organization must file a Campaign Treasurer Form with the Secretary of State's office.

The top section of the Campaign Treasurer Form requires (1) the name (and acronym if applicable) of the GP Committee, (2) the name and address of the campaign treasurer, and (3) the person making appointment of the campaign treasurer. This appointment can be a self-appointment or an appointment by another officer of the proposed GP Committee. A GP Committee is required to have a campaign treasurer, but all other officers are optional. However, we generally suggest that GP Committees also appoint an assistant campaign treasurer for administrative ease during periods when the campaign treasurer is absent or unavailable (see bottom section of Campaign Treasurer Form).

The middle section of the Campaign Treasurer Form requires a list of any corporations, labor organization, or other association or legal entity that directly establish,

administer, or control the GP Committee. According to your letter the individuals wishing to form DISPAC are loosely organized, and assuming that remains the case, it does not seem necessary to include such a group in that section of the form.

The Campaign Treasurer Form also requires the name of any GP Committee which may receive contributions from DISPAC. If DISPAC intends or knows of any other GP Committee which it may make political contributions to, then such GP Committees must be disclosed in that section of the Campaign Treasurer Form. If you should decide to make such contributions you should first make an amended filing with the Secretary of State. Changes in address by the GP Committee must be in writing and filed with the Secretary of State within ten days. All other changes in information on the Campaign Treasurer Form should be disclosed on an amended filing within 30 days of the change.

After your Campaign Treasurer Form is filed with the Secretary of State, DISPAC may begin to accept contributions for itself. However, DISPAC may not make any political contributions or expenditures until (1) sixty (60) days after the filing of the Campaign Treasurer Form with the Secretary of State and (2) after DISPAC has accepted contributions from at least ten persons. In other words, as soon as the filing is received, DISPAC may accept contributions from supporters and the like, but DISPAC may not make any political contributions or expenditures as a GP Committee until these requirements are fulfilled.

Reporting

DISPAC may file its Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures (the "Report") on a month-to-month basis or on a semi-annual basis. We suggest a month-to-month basis *only* if you expect a great deal of activity; otherwise semi-annual reporting is probably sufficient. Additionally, a GP Committee that files on a semi-annual basis is required to file twice before a general election and once before a run-off election.

The campaign treasurer is required to keep a record (name and address of contributor) of all reportable activity, which, in general, refers to all political contributions made or accepted which exceed \$50, and all political expenditures made which exceed \$50 in the aggregate. We suggest, however, that you keep a complete record of all political contributions and expenditures as they are required for the Report in some cases.

Contributions and Expenditures

A political contribution is defined as a direct or indirect transfer of money, goods, services, or anything of value including an agreement or obligation incurred. A political contribution is merely a contribution made to a candidate, political committee or office holder with the intent for such to be used in election or to defray expenses. On the other hand, an expenditure is defined as a payment of money or any other thing of value. Although the definitions sound similar, the distinction can be viewed generally as the difference between giving someone money or services outright and paying for something on the behalf of someone.

The regulations regarding political contributions and expenditures are relatively clear. A corporation (including not for profit corporations) or labor union may not make (and political committees cannot accept) political expenditures or political contributions to political committees except under certain circumstances. Such circumstances are limited to contributions or direct expenditures on a measure, or certain expenditures for the establishment and administration of a GP Committee.

Timing

Assuming that you complete and mail the Campaign Treasurer Form as soon as practicable, you will not be qualified to make contributions as a GP Committee before the November election. Contributions prior to the November election would only be possible through a specific-purpose committee. However, as stated earlier, such a political committee would be limited to identified candidates, office holders and measures in which the political committee intends to support or oppose.

Also, I mentioned during our telephone conversation on September 11 that you may be able to contribute to state candidates through your federal political committee. Federal political committees can contribute to state candidates, political committees and the like, but such political committees are required to file with the Secretary of State and are subject to the same rules as state political committees. Thus, the timing problem would still be present.

II.

Formation of Political Committee Under Federal Law

General

Political committees vary under Federal law, however, it appears that your organization would be considered an "unauthorized political committee". This designation simply means a committee, club, association, or group of persons which receives contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of \$1,000 and is not authorized in writing by a candidate to solicit funds or expend the same on their behalf. 11 CFR \$100.5(a)(f)(2) (1988).

Here, as in the state statutory scheme, there are minimum amounts of contributions that must be received and time periods which must be surpassed before a political committee is qualified to make political contributions. Under Federal law, after DISPAC receives contributions or makes expenditures which exceed \$1,000, it is required to file a Statement of Organization within ten days with the Federal Election Commission. DISPAC can qualify as a multi-candidate party if it receives political contributions from at least fifty individuals and is registered with the Federal Election Commission for six months. Federal Regulations of Campaign Finance and Political Activity (MB) Vol. 1 \$4.03(1) (1985).

With respect to the Statement of Organization, lines one through four are self explanatory. Under line 5 box (f) should be checked. Line 6 should be blank as there are no connected organizations or affiliated committees as defined by the Act. Lines 7 and 8 could be different individuals but administratively it would be prudent to have the treasurer also serve as Custodian of Records. Note that you may, but are not required to, appoint the same person as treasurer for both your federal and state political committees. Line 9 should state the banks or saving and loans institutions where DISPAC funds will be deposited.

Reporting and Administration

As with political committees formed under Texas Law, a federal political committee need only appoint a treasurer. The treasurer is personally responsible for carrying out the duties of a political committee under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the "Act").

The treasurer's duties include maintaining a record of:

1. each contribution date and amount received by or on behalf of the political committee;
2. each contribution in excess of \$50, the name and address of the persons making the contribution, together with the date and amount of any such contribution;
3. each person who makes a contribution[s] aggregating more than \$200 during a calendar year, the identification of such persons, together with the date and amount of any such contribution; and
4. the identification, date of receipt, and amount of any contribution from a political committee.

Id. @ §4.04(1).

Under the Act "identification" for contributions between \$50 and \$199 require the name and address of the contributor, and date the contribution was received. For contributions over \$200, the full name, mailing address and occupation of the contributor as well as the name of his/her employer must be identified for the record. We suggest that regardless of the contribution amount, the identification required for \$200 (and up) contributions should be utilized for record keeping purposes.

DISPAC may file its reports either monthly or on a periodic basis that requires quarterly reports in federal election years with certain other filings prior to primaries and general elections and semi-annual reports in non-federal election years. Again, your reporting preference depends on the activity of DISPAC. All reports should be filed with the Federal Election Commission.

Although legal incorporation is not a requirement for a political committee, many commentators suggest some type of articles of association and/or by-laws which set forth the objectives and operation of the political committee.

Contributions and Expenditures

Contrary to state regulations regarding political committees, federal regulations limit the amount political

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committees and individuals may contribute to a candidate or another political committee. Except for multi-candidate political committees, individuals and political committees are limited to political contributions which in the aggregate do not exceed:

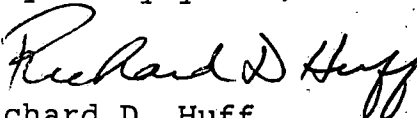
- (a) \$1,000 per candidate with respect to any election;
- (b) \$5,000 per calendar year to any political committee other than the political committees established and maintained by national parties;
- (c) \$20,000 in any calendar year to the political committee established and maintained by a national political party; and
- (d) \$25,000 to all candidates and political committees in any calendar year.

If you qualify as a multi-purpose political committee, your committee's political contributions are limited to:

- (1) \$5,000 per candidate per election;
- (2) \$5,000 in any calendar year to any political committee other than authorized candidate committees and national party committees; and
- (3) \$15,000 in a calendar year to national party committees.

If we can be of any more assistance, please call us at 651-5151.

Very truly yours,


Richard D. Huff

RDH/kd

Enclosures

cc: Barron F. Wallace (Firm)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING FEC FORM 1

LINE 1 Print or type full name and mailing address of the committee.

The name of a principal campaign committee or other authorized committee must include the name of the candidate who authorized the committee. A political committee which is not an authorized committee can not include the name of any candidate in its name, except that a delegate committee must include the word "delegate(s)" in its name and may also include the name of the presidential candidate which it supports. A political committee established solely to draft an individual or to encourage an individual to become a candidate may include the name of the individual in the name of the committee, provided the committee's name clearly indicates that it is a draft committee. The name of a separate segregated fund must include the full name of its connected organization. Any abbreviation or acronym used by the fund must also be reported.

LINE 2 State the date the group or organization became a political committee. If this filing is an amendment, note the date of the change in information.

LINE 3 Only committees which have previously filed a Statement of Organization should fill in this block with the number which was originally assigned to the committee. All new committees will be assigned identification numbers when the completed statement has been received.

LINE 4 All political committees registering for the first time check "NO". Committees which have previously filed FEC FORM 1 and are now submitting changes or corrections check "YES". If "YES" is checked, complete Lines 1 through 4. With respect to Lines 5-9 include only the change(s) in information previously submitted.

LINE 5 Check and fill out ONE of the six sections as follows:

- (a) All principal campaign committees check (a) and fill in the corresponding information for the candidate under (b).
- (b) All other authorized committees check (b) and fill in the corresponding information for the candidate.
- (c) A committee supporting/opposing a single Federal candidate which is not authorized by a candidate checks (c), and includes the candidate's name on the line provided. Delegate and draft committees must check (c), and provide the name of the candidate supported.
- (d) All national, State and subordinate committees of a political party check (d) and fill in the corresponding information.
- (e) All separate segregated funds check (e). A separate segregated fund is a political committee established, financed, maintained, or controlled by a corporation, labor organization, membership organization, cooperative or trade association.
- (f) A committee supporting/opposing more than one Federal candidate and which is not a separate segregated fund nor a political party committee checks box (f).

LINE 6 Political committees must list all affiliated committees and connected organizations (defined below) as follows:

- Principal campaign committees list all other committees authorized by the same candidate.
Under "Relationship," write "affiliated."
- Political committees authorized by the same candidate (other than the principal campaign committee) list the principal campaign committee authorized by the same candidate.
Under "Relationship," write "affiliated."
- Political committees which have been established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the highest level parent organization (i.e., the corporation, labor organization, membership organization, cooperative or trade association) list:
 - (a) The name of the parent organization.
Under "Relationship," write "connected."
AND
 - (b) The name of any other political committee(s) established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same parent organization or by a subsidiary, branch, or State, local, or other subordinate unit of the same parent organization.
Under "Relationship," write "affiliated."
- Political committees which have been established, financed, maintained, or controlled by a subsidiary, branch, or State, local, or other subordinate unit of an organization list:
 - (a) The name of the subsidiary, branch, or State, local or other subordinate unit and the name of the parent organization of which it is a part.
Under "Relationship," write "connected."
AND
 - (b) The name of the highest level political committee sponsored by the parent organization.
Under "Relationship," write "affiliated."
- State party committees list any subordinate committees (i.e., any county, district or local committee) under the control or direction of the State committee.
Under "Relationship," write "affiliated."

- Subordinate State party committees list the State party committee. Under "Relationship," write "affiliated."

Separate segregated funds must check the most appropriate box for the type of "connected organization."

NOTE: The term "connected organization" means any organization which is not a political committee but which directly or indirectly establishes, administers, or financially supports a political committee. A connected organization may be a corporation (including a corporation without capital stock), a labor organization, a membership organization, a cooperative, or a trade association. The definition of "affiliated committee" is contained at 11 CFR 100.5 (g) of the Commission's regulations.

LINE 7 The name, address, and committee position or title of the custodian of the committee's books and records must be entered on Line 7. The telephone number is optional, but is helpful in expeditiously resolving potential filing problems. If the treasurer is the custodian of records, the term "treasurer" is sufficient for Line 7.

LINE 8 The name and address of the committee's treasurer must be entered on Line 8. The name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer) must also be included on Line 8. Every political committee must have a treasurer and may designate an assistant treasurer who shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the treasurer, in the event the treasurer is unavailable. The Commission recommends that each political committee designate an assistant treasurer because no contribution or expenditure may be accepted or made by or on behalf of a political committee at a time when there is a vacancy in the office of the treasurer. No expenditure may be made for or on behalf of a political committee without the authorization of its treasurer or another agent authorized orally or in writing by the treasurer.

LINE 9 The committee must provide the name and mailing address of any bank, repository, or depository where the committee holds funds. Each political committee must have a checking account or transaction account at one of its depositories. All receipts of a political committee must be deposited into a designated campaign depository. All disbursements must be made by check or similar drafts drawn on an account at a designated campaign depository, except for expenditures of \$100 or less made from a petty cash fund.

TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The treasurer of the political committee must preserve a copy of the Statement of Organization and each amendment for a period of not less than 3 years after the date of filing. The treasurer of the political committee is personally responsible for the timely and complete filing of this Statement and for the accuracy of any information contained in it.

Submit additional information on separate continuation sheets appropriately labeled and attached to this Statement of Organization. Indicate in the appropriate section when information is continued on separate page(s).

WHERE TO FILE

The original Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) and all amendments must be filed with the appropriate office as follows:

- The principal campaign committee of a candidate for the House of Representatives and political committees which support or oppose only candidates for the House file with the Clerk of the House, 1036 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.
- The principal campaign committee of a candidate for the Senate and political committees which support or oppose only candidates for the Senate file with the Secretary of the Senate, 119 D Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20510.

- An authorized committee which is not the principal campaign committee of a candidate files with the principal campaign committee which must forward a copy to the appropriate office listed herein.

- All other committees, including the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the office of President or Vice President, file with the Federal Election Commission, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

Authorized committees of candidates for the House of Representatives and for the Senate must also file a copy of this Statement with the Secretary of State (or the appropriate State officer) of the State in which nomination or election is sought. Authorized committees of candidates for the office of President or Vice President must also file a copy of this Statement in each State in which the committee makes expenditures. Political committees other than authorized committees must also file a copy of this Statement in the State in which the committee has its headquarters.

The Treasurer must sign the Statement of Organization.

FOOTNOTES

1. There is no fee for filing Title 15 documents except when filing an amended report required after review by the secretary of state under sec. 251.034. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. secs. 251.003, 251.034(k))
2. The committee must notify the secretary in writing of any change in the campaign treasurer's address not later than the 10th day after the date on which the change occurs. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 252.002(b)) If there is any other change in the information required to be included in the committee's campaign treasurer appointment, the committee shall file an amended appointment with the secretary of state not later than the 30th day after the date the change occurs. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 252.003(b))
3. The name of a general-purpose committee may not be the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any other general-purpose committee whose campaign treasurer appointment is filed with the secretary of state. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 252.003(c)) If the name is an acronym, you must include the words the acronym represents. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 252.003(a)(3))
4. If the campaign treasurer is terminated, the political committee must appoint a successor campaign treasurer with the secretary of state before it accepts contributions or makes expenditures. If this is the appointment of a successor campaign treasurer for an existing political committee, the terminated treasurer is required to file a termination report not later than the 10th day after his termination as treasurer. The report covers the period beginning the day after the period covered by the last report required to be filed and continuing through the day the campaign treasurer appointment is terminated. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. secs. 254.160, 254.127)
5. The person who makes the appointment on behalf of the committee may appoint himself as the campaign treasurer or assistant campaign treasurer.
6. You are only required to provide the information required by either (a) or (b). Attach additional pages if necessary. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 252.003(a)(1))
7. A general-purpose committee may not knowingly make a political contribution to another general-purpose committee unless the other committee is listed in its campaign treasurer appointment. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. secs. 253.037(b), 252.003(a)(2)) Attach additional pages if necessary.
8. Each general-purpose committee may appoint an assistant campaign treasurer to act in the absence of the political committee's campaign treasurer. An assistant campaign treasurer may be appointed at any time before the assistant treasurer begins performing the duties of the political committee's campaign treasurer. If the appointment of an assistant campaign treasurer is being made by an existing political committee, include the name of the committee in the appropriate space. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 252.015)

INSTRUCTIONAL NOTES TO THE CAMPAIGN TREASURER

TREASURER REQUIRED A committee may not knowingly accept a political contribution or make or authorize a political expenditure at a time when a campaign treasurer appointment for the committee is not in effect. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 253.031)

RECORDKEEPING REQUIRED The campaign treasurer is required to keep records of the information that is necessary for filing the reports required under Title 15, Texas Election Code. The treasurer must maintain the records for two years after the deadline for the report. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 254.001)

REPORTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES The campaign treasurer of a general-purpose committee not filing monthly reports must file semiannual reports each January 15 and July 15 and additional reports for each election in which the committee is involved. The additional reports are due not later than the 30th day before and the 8th day before the election. If involved in a runoff election, the campaign treasurer must file a report by the 8th day before the runoff election. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sections 254.153, 254.154)

OPTION TO FILE MONTHLY REPORTS As an alternative to filing under the regular schedule, the committee may choose to file monthly reports. The committee may exercise this option by filing a Notice of Intent to File Monthly with the secretary of state. A Notice of Intent to File Monthly may only be filed between January 1 and January 15 of the year in which the committee intends to file monthly reports, except that a general-purpose committee which is formed after January 15 of any particular year may file a Notice of Intent at the same time it files its appointment of campaign treasurer. Once a general-purpose committee has filed a Notice of Intent to File Monthly, it must continue with this filing procedure until a Notice of Intent to Revert is filed. In order for any general-purpose committee filing monthly statements to revert to filing the statements required by the regular filing schedule, a Notice of Intent to Revert must be filed between January 1 and January 15 of the year in which it intends to revert to the regular reporting schedule. A Notice of Intent to Revert to regular filings must include a report of all political contributions and expenditures not previously reported. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 254.155)

RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES A general-purpose committee may not knowingly make or authorize a political contribution or political expenditure unless the committee has: (1) filed its campaign treasurer appointment not later than the 60th day before the date the contribution or expenditure is made; and (2) accepted political contributions from at least 10 persons. This restriction does not apply to a general-purpose committee that accepts contributions from a multicandidate political committee (as defined by the Federal Election Campaign Act) that is registered with the Federal Election Commission, provided that the general-purpose committee is in compliance with the requirements regarding reporting contributions from out-of-state committees. (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. sec. 253.037)

See also Footnote 7 above.



The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research Foundation

October 4, 1990

Mr. Robert C. Lanier
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Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Lanier:

Thank you for agreeing to make the keynote remarks at the organizational meeting of the Disability Political Action Committee (DISPAC). As you know, the meeting is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 6, at the Houston Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, at 1475 West Gray. A map is enclosed for your convenience.

We will convene in the auditorium at the Multi-Service Center at approximately 1 p.m., and I estimate that we will be ready for your remarks at 1:15 - 1:20. It is not necessary to make a long speech, nor is it necessary to prepare extended formal remarks. You may speak as long as you wish, but I suspect 15 - 20 minutes will be sufficient to inspire our group. You may also choose to engage the audience in some questions and answers, or informal discussion following brief opening comments.

There may be some press on hand for the opening of our meeting. I estimate the group size to be from 25 - 100 people. Most of them will be people with disabilities from the Houston area. You probably met many of them during the course of discussions relating to wheelchair access of the transit system. Incidentally, everyone in the disability community in Houston, and many from around the United States, regard you as a genuine hero in the disability rights and independent movement.

Our wish is for you to stimulate the audience by telling them, in whatever way you choose, about the importance of political organizations and political activism. I believe this can best be framed in the context of our democracy. You may wish to emphasize the importance of political organization by giving examples of your own experience. It would also be helpful if you could brainstorm aloud the kind of issues that you believe a group like ours can constructively address, as well as the kinds

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of methods and strategies that you feel may be most useful to us. For example, many members of our group (in fact most) have never worked in a campaign, and few of them realize the breadth of activities which occur in the political arena.

I see your role as one of stimulation and encouragement. I think it is good for this group to understand that the fundamental activities which they are able to do and interested in doing are valuable from an educational perspective, and from the standpoint of affecting public policy. People need to know that even a small group can be very effective if it is well organized and focused on a common righteous goal. They need to realize that effective representation is the key to our democracy. They need to understand that their interests, concerns, issues, and needs will not likely be addressed appropriately unless they themselves assume the responsibility of being involved in the political process. They also need to believe that their constructive involvement in the process may indeed affect real change--that they may really be able to improve their own quality of life by learning about and using the political process. They need to realize that the process is not as complicated as it sometimes seems to be, and that there are a whole variety of mechanisms and resources to use in affecting the process. People chaining themselves to buses may be one tool, but it may not always be the most effective tool.

The extent of our organization at the present time amounts to approximately 35 people, most of them people with disabilities, parents of people with disabilities, or professionals working in the disability field. This group has met on several occasions and has already created sub-committees working on a variety of policy-related issues and matters.

While many of us who are involved in this group represent a variety of non-profit private organizations which could be a vehicle for a PAC, all of us agree that an independent, free-standing organization fits our concept far better than an affiliation with any given group. I have enclosed, for your information, minutes of an organizational meeting which will provide you with some background on the ideas which our leadership has regarding the formation of a PAC. Included is the statement of purpose which our group has composed.

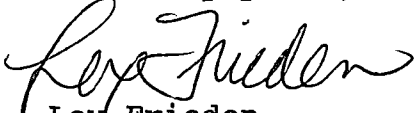
We have planned to be bound politically in both state and federal PACs as an unincorporated body of colleagues. Fulbright & Jaworski is graciously providing us legal assistance on such technical matters. As we have good legal advice on the technical matters associated with our organization, I do not believe it is necessary for you to address these issues in your presentation.

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We are not, and do not, expect to be a well endowed organization. We simply wish to be organized in our approach to the political system, and we believe a PAC may give us the symbolic authority needed to represent our collective views on certain subjects which are of particular natural interest to us. As you can probably tell, we are anxious to take advantage of the full measure of opportunity that we have as citizens to effect improvements in the quality of life for people with disabilities through the political process.

I understand from friends at both the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee that ours may be the first formally constituted Disability Political Action Committee in the country. If we do a good job of organizing here now, we may end up being the seat of a national organization capable of affecting political decisions and public policy at the highest levels. Many colleagues from around the country have already expressed interest in and commitment to our activities. Evan Kemp, Chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Secretary of Education Cavazo, Justin Dart, Jr., Chairman of the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities, Lee Atwater, Ted Kennedy, Jr., Senator Kennedy, Senator Simon, Senator Dole, and Itzhak Perlman, are among those whom I have discussed the matter with personally. I believe our organization has unlimited potential and I appreciate your assistance here in the earliest stage of organization.

Sincerely yours,


Lex Frieden
Executive Director

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Enclosures

DIS-PAC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7-10-90

PRESENT: PAULA PILCH, JOANN PRIDY, DANA THOMPSON, PAUL CHASE, JOYCE FRIEDEN, LEX FRIEDEN, WARREN CHARLES, MAC BRODIE, BARBARA HINES, STACEY WILSON, CHARLOTTE WILSON, NORFA VELGAR, LINDA PICKLE, EDDIE WADLEY, LISA SIMMONS, LAURIE GERKEN, SUSAN DEVAULT, KATHLEEN KRONK, TOM SELLERS, AND BERNICE SELLERS

THOSE PRESENT WORKED TO CREATE A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PURPOSE IS TO ELECT AND SUPPORT PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO UNDERSTAND AND WILL ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE PAC WOULD BE NON-PARTISAN AND WOULD NOT BE AFFILIATED WITH ANY EXISTING ORGANIZATION. THERE SHOULD BE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE ELECTED TO SERVE TWO YEAR TERMS EACH. TWO BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE TERMS THAT EXPIRE IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS AND THREE BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE TERMS THAT EXPIRE IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS. THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AT LEAST 51% OF THE BOARD SHOULD BE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. MEMBERSHIP TERMS SHALL BE ONE YEAR. THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST ONE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS.

CERTAIN POSITIONS AND COMMITTEES WERE FORMED TO BEGIN ORGANIZING THE PAC. THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHAIRPERSON SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE LEX FRIEDEN, WHO WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE LEGAL ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, REGISTRATION WITH APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AND STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONS, ETC.

- * REGISTRATION COMMITTEE WAS NEEDED TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN DATA ON MEMBERS. THOSE INDICATING INTEREST IN THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE WERE PAULA PILCH, PAUL CHASE, LINDA PICKLE, EDDIE WADLEY, AND JOANN PRIDY.
- * RESEARCH COMMITTEE WAS NEEDED TO CREATE QUESTIONNAIRES TO CANDIDATES AND KEEP VOTING RECORDS AND DATA ON CANDIDATES. THOSE INDICATING INTEREST IN THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE WERE BARBARA HINES, CHARLOTTE WILSON, EDDIE WADLEY, AND LAURIE GERKEN.
- * RECRUITING COMMITTEE WAS NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE VOTER REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE PAC. THOSE INDICATING INTEREST IN THE RECRUITING COMMITTEE WERE SUSAN DEVAULT AND DANA THOMPSON.
- * EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE WAS NEEDED TO CREATE CANDIDATE FORUMS, NEWSLETTERS ABOUT ISSUES AND VOTING RECORDS, ETC. THOSE INDICATING INTEREST IN THE EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE WERE CHARLOTTE WILSON, LEX FRIEDEN, MAC BRODIE AND MOLLY BUSTIN.

* FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE WAS NEEDED TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE PAC AND TO RAISE FUNDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO CANDIDATES ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. THOSE INDICATING INTEREST IN THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE WERE WARREN CHARLES, LISA SIMMONS, CHARLOTTE WILSON, AND LENNY HULSEBOSCH.

THERE WAS A NEED EXPRESSED FOR A SECRETARY-TREASURER. JOYCE FRIEDEN TOOK NOTES.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST PERSON SIGNED UP UNDER EACH COMMITTEE CALL THE FIRST MEETING AND THAT A TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON BE CHOSEN BY THE PERSONS PRESENT AT THAT MEETING.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY JOYCE FRIEDEN

Lex: Fax 528-4554

Notes from Education Committee Meeting
Wed. Aug. 29, 1990 - Denny's Restaurant

Suggested we present a "seminar day"
to include the following:

Research Committee Presentation of
Backgrounds
* Voter Registration & Education

Political Strategy - Power of PAC
- Guest Speaker -

Inform attendees on Range of Issues
that can appropriately be
addressed by elected officials

Candidate Forum

Wrap-up - How to volunteer -
work with candidates

* Last day to submit registration is
Sunday, Oct 7 - Courthouse will be
open to take forms. I got full
info. on how it has to be handled,
what we have to do to have registration
at the meeting, etc. Questions - Call
me. 880-7781 Charlotte

Lex Frieden
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October 3, 1990

Dear Colleague,

Since returning to Texas from my four year service as Executive Director of the National Council on Disability in Washington, D.C., I have observed that the disabled community in Texas has been frequently over-looked and left out of basic political organizing activities and decision-making processes. Therefore, I have tried to involve myself in some activities which make sense for today as well as for the future.

A particular interest of mine is the race for Lt. Governor of Texas. As you may know, the role of Lt. Governor in our state is more than token -- the Lt. Governor is responsible for making and managing many decisions which pertain to funding for state supported programs and services like rehabilitation, attendant care, and in-home services.

I believe one candidate for Lt. Governor has extraordinary qualifications from a disability perspective -- and he is ROB MOSBACHER.

Remember last year at the Congressional Hearings on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in Houston -- Rob Mosbacher was there testifying in support of ADA. He was one of the first businessmen in America to come out publicly in support of the ADA, and he was one of the only small business people in the country to stand up on our behalf when the powerful national small business lobbying association, NFIB, was fighting us. That kind of outspoken commitment to equality and opportunity takes courage.

You may also remember that Rob Mosbacher promised, in his ADA testimony, that he would create an Office on Disability in the Department of Human Services (DHS) to help raise disability policy issues in that massive agency to the highest level. He kept his promise, and not only that -- he hired a disabled person to run the office.

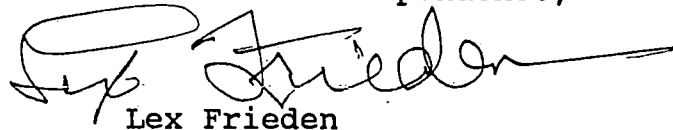
Now, what about DHS? As chairman, Rob Mosbacher has desperately tried to move that agency toward progressive, independence-oriented, community-based programming and away from unnecessary and regressive institutional programming. Furthermore, when the state budget crunch threatened the few progressive demonstration programs that DHS operates, Rob Mosbacher quietly stepped in and personally intervened to pull them out the fire -- more than once.

As Lt. Governor, Rob Mosbacher will do something to resolve his and our frustration about slow progress toward improving the system by setting priorities for existing state dollars that emphasize and reward independence instead of dependence. He will use his unique knowledge of the "welfare game" to help us change the rules in Austin and Washington so that community-based services and opportunity are in and institutionalization is out. He will use his authority to create a continuum of integrated services by reorganizing basic state bureaucratic and administrative structures, as needed. Finally--and my experience in Washington indicates that this may be most important of all -- Rob Mosbacher will use his reputation, his contacts, and his credibility with the power structure and the influence crowd to help us get attention, respect, and ACTION!

Any candidate for public office can talk a good game. Any candidate can tell us they understand our frustrations, and all of them will promise to help us in one way or another. The difference between candidates in this election is that while both candidates may talk a good game, one candidate -- ROB MOSBACHER -- actually delivers!

My point is this: Rob Mosbacher stood up for us when we needed him -- now, it's our turn to stand up for him. Get involved in the Mosbacher action: you can join me in writing letters to your newspaper editors about the candidate for Lt. Governor who supported disability rights before it was fashionable to do so; send postcards to five of your friends or family members telling them the truth about the DHS situation; go to a Mosbacher campaign function and see for yourself the meaning of an "accessible campaign"; volunteer to work in the campaign and learn what it takes to win a statewide election; and, of course, VOTE for ROB MOSBACHER!

Yours for independence,



Lex Frieden

P.S. Voter Registration deadline is Monday, October 8. Mail voter registration postmarked on this date will be effective for the November 6 General Election. You can vote In Person Absentee from October 17th till November 2nd. The general election is Tuesday, November 6th. Check your county clerk's office for times and locations, as well as extended hours and absentee voting in person.