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Federal Election Commission Office of General Counsel 999 E Street NW Washington, DC 20463

OFFICE OF GENERAL

We, as representatives of the United National Committee, the national committee of the Unity Party of America, hereby request an advisory opinion by the Federal Election Commission as to whether we satisfy the legal criteria for national party status and may/must thus follow the contribution limits and statutes applicable for national parties.

While considering our status, please see our Wikipedia entry at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unity_Party_of_America. As outlined on that page and at other places on the web such as unityparty.us, we have fielded multiple Presidential candidates and have nominated Congressional candidates in numerous states for both the Senate and US House. We are also on Colorado's voter registration form as one of six official check-box options, and are naturally working on an ongoing basis to encourage Colorado voters to check the "Unity" box (hundreds to-date have done so).

Please note that we are also publicizing the party's supporters and platform throughout the nation via our website unityparty.us (which has, at times, received thousands of visitors a day, a level of traffic verifiable via a third-party website such as alexa.com).

Finally, note that we have had an April 2016 convention planned for some time (there's a link to the Facebook event page from our home page), and we have official members of our 34 state affiliates listed on unityparty.us along with links to our nine active Unity Party Facebook pages maintained by various members across the country.

We may be contacted at 1020 Kent Street, #K219, Boulder, Colorado 80303, mail@unityparty.us or 303-819-6141, and await your response.

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Sincerely,

Reid Strouss-Tallman Treasurer, United National Committee

Bill Hammons Chairman, United National Committee

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From:	Bill Hammons
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Subject:	Re: Request of the United National Committee for an advisory opinion
Date:	06/03/2016 03:24 PM

1) 2) 3) 4) are all correct, with an asterisk re: #4 (myself and my volunteer ballot petition circulators here in Colorado are, along with petitioning, talking up the fact that we're now on the state's voter registration form)

Please see the following bylaws web page and text of same page pasted below:

http://www.unityparty.us/unity-party-constitution.htm

The members of the Unity Party of America enter into this Constitution of the Unity Party of America in order to do their part to preserve and protect the United States of America that they hold dear, and to better stand united as a party for the principles of commonsense, individual liberty, and justice for all.

Article I

Organization

Section 1

The United National Committee (the "Committee") shall be the governing body of the Unity Party of America.

The Committee shall consist of two Unity Party members from each of the United States elected by the Unity Party membership of that State, as well as every officer elected by the Unity Party membership present at a party convention, during that officer's term of service.

Committee members shall not serve more than four four-year terms.

A party officer may be deemed unfit for office by two-thirds of the Committee.

Party officer vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the Committee, though officers elected in such a manner shall not thus become voting members of the Committee.

Elected Unity Party officers shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

A Chairperson who shall not serve more than four four-year terms beginning on January 1, 2011 and who shall act as party spokesperson, call and preside over Committee meetings, and call and preside over national conventions A Vice Chairperson who shall not serve more than four four-year terms beginning on January 1, 2011 and who shall immediately assume the office of Chairperson in the event the then-current Chairperson dies or is deemed unfit for office by two-thirds of the Committee; the Vice Chairperson shall only have a vote on the Committee in the event of a tied vote, and shall then vote to break the tie

A Treasurer who shall not serve more than four four-year terms beginning on January 1, 2011 and who shall deposit, disburse, and otherwise handle all Unity Party funds

A Secretary who shall not serve more than four four-year terms beginning on January 1, 2011 and who shall record, maintain, and archive Unity Party records, and rule as Parliamentarian on all matters related to party Constitutional matters and Committee proceedings

Section 2

A Unity Party member shall be defined as an individual listed on one of the state party pages of <u>www.unityparty.us</u>.

Section 3

The Unity Party of America Presidential and Vice Presidential Nominees shall be nominated separately by majority votes of the Unity Party membership present at a national party convention.

Article II

Platform

The following positions are recognized as the Unity Party platform [as adopted at the April 9, 2016 National Convention]. Any changes to this platform require the approval of two-thirds of Unity Party members present at a national convention.

- I. Balanced Budget Amendment
- II. Affirm the 2nd Amendment
- III. Affirm the 4th Amendment
- IV. Eliminate the Federal Income Tax
- V. Health Care Tax Deduction
- VI. Social Security Tithe Pool
- VII. Supporting our Military
- VIII. Free and Fair Trade
- **IX. Term Limits**

- X. Judicial Term Limits
- XI. Enhance Electoral Security
- XII. Judges, not Gerrymandering
- XIII. Put Campaign Finance on Solid Foundation
- XIV. Resign to Run
- XV. Make Minimum Voting & Donating Ages 16
- XVI. The American Space Program
- XVII. Call for DC Statehood
- XVIII. Self-Determination of All Peoples

Article III

Amendment Process

Any Amendment to this Constitution shall be deemed adopted and effective once two-thirds of party members present at a national party convention ratify said Amendment.

Article IV

Adoption of this Constitution

This Constitution shall be deemed adopted and effective once two-thirds of party members present at a national party convention ratify this Constitution.

The undersigned members of the Unity Party of America deem this Constitution adopted and effective as of April 17, 2010.

Amendment I to the Constitution of the Unity Party of America (Adopted 4/17/10)

Article II is hereby amended to read:

Platform

The following positions are recognized as the Unity Party platform:

Balanced Budget Amendment

Unity supports the passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment in the interests of the nation's fiscal and economic health. Any short-term stimulative benefits gained by deficit spending are far outweighed by the long-term damage that spending inflicts on the economy. It's time to stop spending our children's inheritance and lock the box for future generations.

Eliminate the Federal Income Tax

Unity supports replacing federal income taxes with a revenue measure based on the carbon content of fossil fuels as a simple way of balancing the budget, combating global warming, and encouraging the development of alternative energy sources. A reduction in fossil fuel consumption would enhance American power abroad by making this nation less dependent on foreign sources of oil.

Health Care Tax Deduction

Unity supports a full tax deduction for the health care costs of all Americans forced to pay for their own health coverage.

Social Security Tithe Pool

Unity supports the replacement of federal payroll taxes with a "tithe pool" of less than 10% of earned income. At the end of every fiscal year, the pool of revenues collected that year would be apportioned to guarantee Social Security benefits, Medicare, and other entitlement programs for the following calendar year.

Term Limits

Unity supports limiting US Senators to two six-year terms in office, and limiting US Representatives to four two-year terms in office.

Judges, not Gerrymandering

Unity supports outlawing the drawing of legislative districts along partisan lines, and supports the appointment of panels of retired judges to draw the boundaries of legislative districts.

On Fri, May 20, 2016 at 7:13 AM, <<u>tbuckley@fec.gov</u>> wrote: Dear Mr. Hammons:

As we explained to you by phone and email, the Commission is unable to proceed with your advisory opinion request without additional information about the activities of the Unity Party of America. Nonetheless, based on the reports the United National Committee filed with the Commission and our prior phone calls, we set out below our understanding of additional facts. Please confirm the accuracy of these statements or correct them if they are not accurate as written.

1) No individual has appeared as a presidential candidate of the Unity Party of America on a general election ballot in any state.

2) Other than Mr. Bill Hammons, no individual has appeared as a U.S. Senate or U.S. House of

Representatives candidate of the Unity Party of America on a general election ballot in any state.

3) Neither Mr. Hammons nor any other individual nominated by the Unity Party of America for election to any federal office has raised or spent more than \$5,000 for such election.

4) The United National Committee has not conducted any voter registration efforts or get-outthe-vote drives in any state.

In addition, please provide a copy of the Unity Party of America's most recent bylaws.

We would appreciate your response by email. Your response may be considered part of your advisory opinion request; if so, it will be posted as such on the Commission's website.

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