

Tax-Exempt Organization Complaint (Referral)

1. Name of referred organization

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

Street address

12025 WATERFRONT DRIVE

City LOS ANGELES	State CA	ZIP code 90094	Date of referral 2019-11-28
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2. Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN)

95-4712218

3. Nature of violation

- Directors/Officers/Persons are using income/assets for personal gain
- Organization is engaged in commercial, for-profit business activities
- Income/Assets are being used to support illegal or terrorist activities
- Organization is involved in a political campaign
- Organization is engaged in excessive lobbying activities
- Organization refused to disclose or provide a copy of Form 990
- Organization failed to report employment, income or excise tax liability properly
- Organization failed to file required federal tax returns and forms
- Organization engaged in deceptive or improper fundraising practices
- Other (*describe*)

4. Details of violation

Name(s) of person(s) involved

Fadi Chehadé, Erik Brooks, Andrew Sullivan

Organizational title(s)

ICANN, CEO; Ethos Capital, CEO; ISOC, CEO

Date(s) 2019-11-10	Dollar amount(s) (<i>if known</i>)
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Description of activities

ICANN is responsible for overseeing the assignment of all internet names, and sets rules for their governance and sale. ICANN approved the removal of price limits for “.org” internet domains, which are mainly used by non-profit organizations and other organizations with similar missions. During a period for public comment, 3,300 comments were recorded against, and 6 in favor, of removing price caps. Fadi Chehadé, the CEO of ICANN, registered the internet domain for Ethos Capital, on May 7th. On May 13th, the price caps were removed. On May 14th, Ethos Capital was incorporated, and on November 13th, control of .org is sold to Ethos Capital.

5. Submitter information

Name

Occupation or business

Street address

City	State	ZIP code	Telephone number
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I am concerned that I might face retaliation or retribution if my identity is disclosed

6. Submission and documentation: The completed form, along with any supporting documentation, may be mailed to IRS EO Classification, Mail Code 4910DAL, 1100 Commerce Street Dallas, TX 75242-1198, faxed to 214-413-5415 or emailed to eoclass@irs.gov. **Disclaimer Notice:** Your email submission of Form 13909 and attachments are not encrypted for security.

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1. Name of referred organization

The Internet Society

Street address

Reston Plaza II, 12020 Sunrise Valley Drive

City Reston	State VA	ZIP code 22091	Date of referral 2019-11-28
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2. Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN)

54-1650477

3. Nature of violation

- Directors/Officers/Persons are using income/assets for personal gain
- Organization is engaged in commercial, for-profit business activities
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- Other (*describe*)

4. Details of violation

Name(s) of person(s) involved

Andrew Sullivan, Glenn McKnight, Gonzalo Camarillo, Hans Peter Dittler, Hiroshi Esaki, John Levine, Mieke van Heeswijk Mike Godwin, Olga Cavalli, Richard Barnes, Robert Pepper, Sean Turner, Walid Al-Saqaf, Kevin Craemer, David Frolio, Sandy Spector

Organizational title(s)

Board members & staff present during relevant meetings

Date(s) 2019-11-10	Dollar amount(s) (<i>if known</i>)
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Description of activities

The Internet Society is tasked with protecting the interests of the internet names registry, among other things. They approved the sale of the Public Interest Registry to Ethos Capital. PIR is responsible for the mangement of “.org” internet domains, which is mainly used by non-profit organizations and other organizations with similar missions. The board voted unanimously to approve the sale. Sandy Spector, an Internet Society staff member, was also said to be working with Goldman Sachs to negotiate the sale.

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