

South Africa Free Elections Fund

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Answers To Commonly Asked Questions Concerning SAFE

Q: What is SAFE?

A: The South Africa Free Elections Fund (SAFE) is an organization recently formed by a group of concerned Americans, from private and public life, to raise funds in the United States for purposes of assisting a peaceful transition to lasting democratic rule in South Africa. Up through that country's first universal suffrage elections, now scheduled for April 1994, SAFE will focus exclusively on South African initiatives promoting the full, free and informed voter participation essential to the credibility of those elections and, by extension, the government and constitution they usher in. (Note: all answers to the questions below relate to SAFE activities during this pre-elections period). Thereafter, SAFE's directors, in consultation with donors and SAFE's South African counterparts, may choose to launch separate fundraising efforts to assist by other means the democratic process.

Q: What is SAFE's legal status?

A: SAFE was established as a Delaware not-for-profit corporation at the end of May 1993; has been formally determined by the IRS to be a § 501(c)(3) (tax exempt) organization; received provisional classification as a § 509(a)(1) "public charity; and will complete in the coming weeks all necessary state and local filings.

Q: Who are SAFE's directors?

A: A list is attached. Consistent with its effort to reach new communities of support for a democratic South Africa, SAFE's board remains very much in formation, with many additional leaders of business, academia and civic life (but not professional politicians or public officeholders) expected to join at the current directors' invitation. Service on the board reflects an active commitment to SAFE's objectives, and that board's deep pool of management and program experience will enable the pursuit of these objectives with a minimum of administrative expense -- meaning a greater flow of funds to actual projects in South Africa.