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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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1616 West Hellman Avenue Alhambra, CA 91803

December 11, 1996

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

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The Alhambra Democratic Club asks that you verify that Catholic Democrats for Christian Values followed all federal laws and government regulations in circulating the enclosed flier.

Sincerely
Craig Athon
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Vice President

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Catholic Democrats *for* Christian Values

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Washington, DC 20463

January 6, 1997

Craig Athon
1616 West Hellman Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

Dear Mr. Athon:

This is to acknowledge receipt on December 23, 1996, of your letter dated December 11, 1996. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") and Commission Regulations require that the contents of a complaint meet certain specific requirements. One of these requirements is that a complaint be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public and notarized. Your letter did not contain a notarization on your signature and was not properly sworn to.

In order to file a legally sufficient complaint, you must swear before a notary that the contents of your complaint are true to the best of your knowledge and the notary must represent as part of the jurat that such swearing occurred. The preferred form is "Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of ____, 19__." A statement by the notary that the complaint was sworn to and subscribed before him/her also will be sufficient. We regret the inconvenience that these requirements may cause you, but we are not statutorily empowered to proceed with the handling of a compliance action unless all the statutory requirements are fulfilled. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Enclosed is a Commission brochure entitled "Filing a Complaint." I hope this material will be helpful to you should you wish to file a legally sufficient complaint with the Commission.

Please note that this matter will remain confidential for a 15 day period to allow you to correct the defects in your complaint. If the complaint is corrected and refiled within the 15 day period, the respondents will be so informed and provided a copy of the corrected complaint. The respondents will then have an additional 15 days to respond to the complaint on the merits. If the complaint is not corrected, the file will be closed and no additional notification will be provided to the respondents.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 219-3410.

Sincerely,



Retha Dixon
Docket Chief

Enclosure

cc: Catholic Democrats for Christian Values

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Craig Athon

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1616 West Hellman Avenue

Alhambra, CA 91803

January 14, 1997

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

MUR 4615

Dear Sirs,

I am enclosing a notarized copy of the complaint filed by the Alhambra Democratic Club in the Catholic Democrats for Christian Values matter.

I have also enclosed a duplicate copy of the document in question and a copy of your letter to me.

Sincerely,

Craig Athon
Vice President
Alhambra Democratic Club

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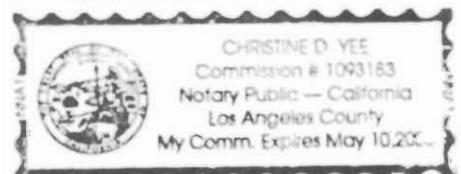
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Craig Athon
Vice President

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Christine D. Yee
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA



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Catholic Democrats
for Christian Values



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

January 28, 1997

Craig Athon
1616 West Hellman Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

RE: MUR 4615

Dear Mr. Athon:

This letter acknowledges receipt on January 21, 1997, of the complaint you filed alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The respondent(s) will be notified of this complaint within five days.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 4615. Please refer to this number in all future communications. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Andrew Turley".

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure
Procedures

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

January 28, 1997

Anthony Venti, Owner
Anthony Venti Realtors
200 South Garfield, #208
Alhambra, CA 91801

RE: MUR 4615

Dear Mr. Venti:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Anthony Venti Realtors and you may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 4615. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Anthony Venti Realtors and you in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,



F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosures

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statement

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

January 28, 1997

Director
Catholic Democrats for Christian Values
200 South Garfield, #208
Alhambra, CA 91801

RE: MUR 4615

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F. Andrew Tarley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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RECEIVED
FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

BENJAMIN F. VENTI
CATHOLIC DEMOCRATS FOR CHRISTIAN VALUES
200 S. GARFIELD AVENUE, SUITE 204
ALHAMBRA, CA 91801

FEB 3 4 56 PM '97

February 3, 1997

VIA: TELEFAX ONLY

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

Att'n: F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

RE: MUR 4615

Dear Mr. Turley:

This is a follow-up with regard to my telefax to you, and I would appreciate your advising me whether the telefax is sufficient to satisfy the 14 day response as requested in your letter.

You may contact me at (818) 289-4256.

Sincerely,

Benjamin F. Venti
Benjamin F. Venti

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**BENJAMIN F. VENTI
CATHOLIC DEMOCRATS FOR CHRISTIAN VALUES
200 S. GARFIELD, SUITE 208
ALHAMBRA, CA 91801**

January 10, 1997

Via Overnight Delivery

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

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FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CLERK

Re: Independent Expenditure for
Benjamin F. Venti aka Catholic Democrats for
Christian Values

Dear Sir:

This letter is with regard to the timely filing of the year end report with the Federal Election Committee ("FEC") of funds expended for the general election that occurred on November 5, 1996. I filed a 24-hour report with the State of California with regard to the first funds expended on October 29, 1996, in excess of \$1,000.00, and I have complied with all of the State of California's requirements.

However at the very last minute, I decided to add "Do not vote for Bill Clinton" on the flyer. Because of that addition, I now understand I may have been required to file the 24-hour notice with the FEC in addition to filing it with the State of California. Thus, I inadvertently did not file with the FEC the 24-Hour Independent Expenditure Report which is now enclosed with this filing. I apologize for this delay. There were no funds from other sources. All funds were personal funds of mine.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (818) 289-4256.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin F. Venti
Benjamin F. Venti

Enclosure
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1. Name of individual, organization or corporation **AKA: Catholic Democrats Benjamin Frank Venti for Christian Values**
 Address (number and street) check if different than previously reported
 200 S. Garfield Ave.
 City, State and ZIP Code
 Alhambra, CA 91801

2. Corporate filers only: Is the filer a qualified nonprofit corporation? Yes No
 Individual filers only: NAME OF EMPLOYER **Self-employed** OCCUPATION _____ 3. Identification number _____

4. TYPE OF REPORT (check appropriate boxes):
 (a) April 15 Quarterly Report 12-Day Report preceding the election
 July 15 Quarterly Report 30-Day Report following the General Election
 October 15 Quarterly Report
 January 31 Year-End Report
 July 31 Mid-Year Report
 (b) Is this Report an amendment? Yes No

Type of Election: **General** Date of Election: **11/5/96** State: **CA**
 Date of Election: _____ State: _____

5. COVERING PERIOD: FROM _____ THROUGH _____ PAGE **1** OF **1**

6. CONTRIBUTION(S) RECEIVED (Submit multiple forms if additional space is required)

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Contributor	Name of Employer	Occupation	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Amount

7. INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE(S) MADE (Submit multiple forms if additional space is required)

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Payee	Purpose of Expenditure	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Amount	Check One		Name and Office Sought (District, State) of Federal Candidate
				Support	Oppose	
D&J Graphics Inc. 1840 Enterprises Way Monrovia, CA 91016	Mailer	10/29/96	1,688.60	X		Bill Clinton
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8. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (multi-page filers: enter total on page 1) \$ _____
 9. TOTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES (multi-page filers: enter total on page 1) \$ **3,538.10**

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were not made with the cooperation or prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or a candidate's agent or authorized committee, nor did they involve the financing, dissemination, distribution or republication of any campaign material prepared by a candidate or a candidate's agent or authorized committee. In addition, if the independent expenditures reported herein were made by a corporation, I certify that the corporation is a qualified nonprofit corporation under the Commission's regulations.

TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM
Benjamin Frank Venti

SIGNATURE (multi-page filers: sign page 1 only) DATE
Benjamin Venti 1/10/97

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day
 of January 1997
 My Commission Expires Aug 2, 1999

LYNN E. JEMAN
 Commission # 1016004
 Notary Public - California
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY
 My Comm. Expires AUG. 2, 1999

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMM.

UNITED STATES FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FORM 714
To Be Used by Persons (Other than Political Committees) Including Qualified Nonprofit Corporations

1. Name of individual, organization or corporation **AKA: Catholic Democrats for Benjamin Frank Venti Christian Values**

Address (number and street) check if different than previously reported
200 S. Carfield Ave.

City, State and ZIP Code
Alhambra, CA 91801

2. Corporate filers only Is the filer a qualified nonprofit corporation? Yes No

Individual filers only NAME OF EMPLOYER **Self-employed** OCCUPATION

3. Identification number

4. TYPE OF REPORT (check appropriate boxes):

(a) April 15 Quarterly Report 12-Day Report preceding the election.
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(b) Is this Report an amendment? Yes No

5. COVERING PERIOD: FROM **7/1/96** THROUGH **12/31/96** PAGE **1** OF **2**

6. CONTRIBUTION(S) RECEIVED (Submit multiple forms if additional space is required)

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Contributor	Name of Employer	Occupation	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Amount

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Political Data, Inc. 4000 Warner Blvd. Burbank, CA	Mailer	11/19/96	308.46	X		Bill Clinton

8. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (multi-page filers: enter total on page 1) **5**

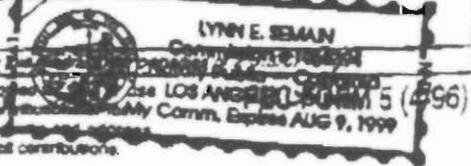
9. TOTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES (multi-page filers: enter total on page 1) **5 4,221.56**

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 104 day
of January, 1997
My Commission Expires SEP 91 1999
[Signature] (Notary Public)

TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM
Benjamin Frank Venti

SIGNATURE (multi-page filers: sign page 1 only) DATE
[Signature] **1/10/97**



For further information, contact:
Federal Election Commission
900 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463
Toll Free 800-424-9630 Local 202-219-3429

Any information reported herein may not be collected for any other commercial purpose except that the information of any political committee may be used to solicit contributions from that committee.

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INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE

PAGE 2 of 2

Frank Duarte
19030 Hwy 28
San Miguel, NM 88050

Mailer 12/30/96 \$375 Oppose
Bill Clinton

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See instructions on back. For additional information, call 1-800-PICK-UPS (800-742-5877).

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SHIPMENT FROM

SHIPPER'S UPS ACCOUNT NO. (UPSI BILLING NO.) **9641051691** ACCOUNT NO. **912-X12**

REFERENCE NUMBER **EW**

NAME **Frank Veneti** TELEPHONE

COMPANY **UNI-WEST INC.**

STREET ADDRESS **320 S GARFIELD AVE #302**

CITY **ALHAMBRA** STATE **CA** ZIP CODE **91801**

EXTREMELY URGENT DELIVERY TO

NAME TELEPHONE

COMPANY **Federal Election Company**

STREET ADDRESS **999 E Street N.W.** DEPT./FLOOR

CITY **Washington, D.C.** STATE ZIP CODE **20463**

Carrier is liable for loss or damage to contents in transit only. The shipper warrants the contents are correct and the declared value of such contents is correct. The carrier is not responsible for loss or damage to contents under the provisions of this agreement. The carrier is not responsible for loss or damage to contents under the provisions of this agreement. The carrier is not responsible for loss or damage to contents under the provisions of this agreement. The carrier is not responsible for loss or damage to contents under the provisions of this agreement.

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TYPE OF SERVICE NEXT DAY AIR WORLDWIDE EXPRESS (INTERNATIONAL) DOCUMENT ONLY

FOR WORLDWIDE EXPRESS SHIPMENTS SATURDAY PICKUP SATURDAY DELIVERY

OPTIONAL SERVICES DECLARED VALUE AMOUNT \$ COB AMOUNT \$

ADDITIONAL HANDLING CHARGES An additional handling charge applies for certain items. See instructions.

TOTAL CHARGES \$

METHOD OF PAYMENT BILL SHIPPER CREDIT CARD CHECK MONEY ORDER

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THIRD PARTY'S COMPANY NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

SHIPPER'S SIGNATURE *Johna Jones* DATE **1/10/97**

SHIPPER'S COPY

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Anthony Tony Venti

REALTORS, INC.

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OFFICE OF GENERAL
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200 S. Garfield Ave., Suite 208
Alhambra, CA 91801
(818) 282-6121

February 7, 1997

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

TELEFAX ONLY

Att'n: F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

RE: MUR 4615

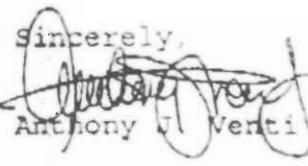
Dear Mr. Turley:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 28, 1997, with regard to my possibly violating the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, referenced above in connection with the "Catholic Democrats for Christian Values" organization.

Anthony Venti Realtors does not have any involvement or affiliation with this organization as my secretary advised you. Attached for your information is the filing of the Statement of Organization Recipient Committee, which clearly indicates my brother Benjamin "Frank" Venti as the sole controlling officeholder.

Should you have any further questions in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (818) 282-6121.

Sincerely,


Anthony J. Venti

Encl

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Statement of Organization Recipient Committee

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Type or print in ink

Page 2

ID NUMBER (IF AMENDMENT)

NAME OF COMMITTEE

Catholic Democrats For Christian Values

V Type of Committee Completing This Statement:

COMPLETE THE APPLICABLE SECTION(S). MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY MAY BE APPLICABLE TO YOUR COMMITTEE. SEE REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DEFINITIONS OF THE COMMITTEES LISTED BELOW.

Controlled Committee

- If this committee is controlled by one or more officeholder(s) or candidate(s), list the name of each controlling officeholder or candidate. Also list the elective office sought or held, and district number, if any, for each individual.
- If this committee is controlled by one or more officeholder(s) or candidate(s) for partisan office, list the political party with which each officeholder or candidate is affiliated. An officeholder or candidate not holding or seeking a partisan office must indicate "non-partisan."
- If this committee is controlled by a state measure proponent, list the name of the state measure proponent. If this committee is controlled by more than one state measure proponent, list the name of each state measure proponent.
- If this committee acts jointly with another controlled committee, list the name and identification number of the other controlled committee.

NAME OF CANDIDATE/OFFICEHOLDER/STATE MEASURE PROPONENT/COMMITTEE	PARTY	ELECTIVE OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD (INCLUDE DISTRICT NUMBER IF APPLICABLE)

Primarily Formed Committee

If primarily formed to support or oppose specific candidates or measures, list the candidates or measures below:

CANDIDATE'S NAME OR MEASURE'S FULL TITLE (INCLUDE BALLOT NO. OR LETTER)	CANDIDATE'S OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD OR MEASURE'S JURISDICTION (INCLUDE DISTRICT NO., CITY OR COUNTY, AS APPLICABLE)	CHECK ONE	
		SUPPORT	OPPOSE

General Purpose Committee

Formed to support or oppose specific candidates or measures, check ONE box to indicate if this is a: CITY Committee or COUNTY Committee or STATE Committee

PROVIDE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Protect Christian Family Values

Sponsored Committee

Provide the name and address of the sponsor. If the committee has more than one sponsor, provide names and addresses on appropriately labeled attachment.

NAME OF SPONSOR:	INDUSTRY GROUP OR AFFILIATION OF SPONSOR:
ADDRESS OF SPONSOR: NO. AND STREET	
CITY	
STATE	
ZIP CODE	

Broad Based Committee

If this is a broad based committee and wishes to make contributions to candidates in excess of the \$2,500 contribution limit in connection with a special election, check the box below and enter the date on or before which the committee qualified as a broad based committee. (If the committee is not a broad based committee, or does not wish to make contributions in excess of the \$2,500 limit, do not complete this section.)

Check box if this is a broad based committee. Enter the date on or before which the committee qualified as a broad based committee: _____ (Month, Day, Year)

Check box if this committee no longer qualifies as a broad based committee.

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Statement of Organization Recipient Committee

(Government Code Sections 84101-84103)

WHERE TO FILE:

File original and one copy of this form with:
Secretary of State
Political Reform Division
P.O. Box 1467
Sacramento, CA 95812-1467
916-653-6224
And, if applicable, file one copy of this form with:
The city or county officer, if any, who receives the committee's original campaign disclosure statements.

Mailed 6/11/96

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Amendment

Check box if an Amendment and enter I.D. number:

Date Stamp

For Official Use Only

A.D.# 960941

Type or print in ink

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

I Committee Information

Date Qualified as Committee (Month, Day, Year) _____ Check box if not yet qualified

NAME OF COMMITTEE

Catholic Democrats For Christian Values

ADDRESS OF COMMITTEE (NOT P.O. BOX) NO. AND STREET

200 S. Garfield

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER
Alhambra	Ca	91801	(818) 289-4256

COUNTY OF DOMICILE	COUNTY WHERE COMMITTEE IS ACTIVE IF DIFFERENT THAN COUNTY OF DOMICILE
Los Angeles	

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) NO. AND STREET OR P.O. BOX

N/A

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER
<i>N/A</i>			

II Treasurer and Other Principal Officers

received 6/17/96

NAME OF TREASURER

Marta Gonzales Venti

MAILING ADDRESS

200 S. Garfield Ave. Suite 208

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/DAYTIME PHONE
Alhambra,	Ca	91801	(818) 289-4256

NAME AND POSITION OF OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S)

Benjamin "Frank" Venti Pres.

MAILING ADDRESS

200 S. Garfield Ave.

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/DAYTIME PHONE
Alhambra,	Ca	91801	(818) 289-4256

Attach additional information on appropriately labeled continuation sheets

III Disposition of Surplus Funds You must specify what disposition will be made of leftover campaign funds, if any, at termination.

Donate To Group with Similar Values

IV Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 6-13-96 At Alhambra, CA By Marta Venti
DATE CITY AND STATE SIGNATURE OF TREASURER

Executed on 6-13-96 At Alhambra, CA By Benjamin Venti
DATE CITY AND STATE SIGNATURE OF CONTROLLING OFFICER/HOLDER, CANDIDATE, OR STATE MEASURE PROPONENT

Executed on _____ At _____ By _____
DATE CITY AND STATE SIGNATURE OF CONTROLLING OFFICER/HOLDER, CANDIDATE, OR STATE MEASURE PROPONENT

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION.

The cases listed below have been identified as either stale or of low priority based upon evaluation under the Enforcement Priority System (EPS). This report is submitted to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue these cases.

This is the first Enforcement Priority Report that reflects the impact of the 1996 election cycle cases on the Commission's enforcement workload. We have identified cases that are stale which are recommended for dismissal at this time. This is the highest number of cases identified as stale in a single report, and the highest number of stale cases recommended for closure at one time, since the inception of EPS in 1993.

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II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE.

A. **Cases Not Warranting Further Action Relative to Other Cases Pending Before the Commission**

EPS was created to identify pending cases which, due to the lower priority of the issues raised in the matters relative to others presently pending before the Commission, do not warrant further expenditure of resources. Central Enforcement Docket (CED) evaluates each incoming matter using Commission-approved criteria, resulting in a numerical rating for each case.

Closing such cases permits the Commission to focus its limited resources on more important cases presently pending before it. Based upon this review, we have identified cases that do not warrant further action relative to other pending matters.³ Attachment I to this report contains summaries of each case, the EPS rating, and the factors leading to assignment of a low priority and recommendation not to further pursue the matter.

B. **Stale Cases**

Effective enforcement relies upon the timely pursuit of complaints and referrals to ensure compliance with the law. Investigations concerning activity more remote in time usually require a greater commitment of resources, primarily due to the fact that the evidence of such activity becomes more difficult to develop as it ages. Focusing investigative efforts on more recent and more significant activity also has a more positive effect on the electoral process and the regulated community. In recognition of this fact, EPS provides us with the

³ These cases are: RAD 97L-10 (*Citizens for Randy Borow*); RAD 97L-16 (*Republican State Central Committee of South Dakota*); Pre-MUR 347 (*Producers Lloyds Insurance Company*); Pre-MUR 348 (*Peoples National Bank of Commerce*); Pre-MUR 349 (*Trump Plaza*); Pre-MUR 350 (*Citibank, N.A.*); Pre-MUR 355 (*Feingold Senate Committee*); MUR 4494 (*Georgianna Lincoln*);

MUR 4586 (*Friends of Zach Wamp*); MUR 4590 (*Oklahoma Education Association*); MUR 4600 (*San Diego Police Officers Assoc.*); MUR 4612 (*Teresa Doggett for Congress*); MUR 4615 (*Catholic Democrats for Christian Values*); MUR 4616 (*American Legislative Exchange Council*); MUR 4620 (*Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce*); MUR 4622 (*Telles for Mayor*); MUR 4628 (*Gutknecht for Congress*); MUR 4629 (*Janice Schakowsky*); MUR 4636 (*IBEW Local 505*); MUR 4637 (*Dettman for Congress*); MUR 4639 (*Larson for Congress*); MUR 4641 (*Becker for Congress*); MUR 4644 (*Detroit City Council*); MUR 4651 (*Mike Ryan*); MUR 4653 (*Pritzker for Congress*); MUR 4656 (*H. Carroll for Congress*); and MUR 4657 (*Buchanan for President*).

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means to identify those cases which, though earning a higher rating when received, remained unassigned for a significant period due to a lack of staff resources for effective investigation. The utility of commencing an investigation declines as these cases age, until they reach a point when activation of a case would not be an efficient use of the Commission's resources.

We have identified cases that have remained on the Central Enforcement Docket for a sufficient period of time to render them stale. We are recommending the closure of cases based on staleness.⁶

⁶ These cases are: MUR 4283 (*Chenoweth for Congress*); MUR 4341 (*Juan Soliz for Congress*); MUR 4402 (*U.S. Representative Helen Chenoweth*); MUR 4435 (*Lincoln for Congress*); MUR 4439 (*UAW*); MUR 4442 (*Lipinski for Congress*); MUR 4444 (*Roberts for Congress*); MUR 4445 (*Randy Tate for Congress*); MUR 4446 (*Clinton/Gore '96 Primary*); MUR 4447 (*Random House, Inc.*); MUR 4449 (*Clinton Administration*); MUR 4453 (*Mike Ward for Congress*); MUR 4454 (*Ralph Nader*); MUR 4459 (*Clinton/Gore '96*); MUR 4474 (*Salvi for Senate*); MUR 4477 (*BBDO-New York*); MUR 4481 (*Diamond Bar Caucus*); MUR 4485 (*Perot '92 Petition Committee*); MUR 4486 (*Bunda for Congress*); MUR 4495 (*Pennsylvania PACE for Federal Elections*); MUR 4496 (*Norwood for Congress*); MUR 4497 (*Pease for Congress*); MUR 4510 (*Stabenow for Congress*); MUR 4511 (*Bob Coffin for Congress*); MUR 4514 (*Friends for Franks*); MUR 4515 (*Clinton Investigative Commission*); MUR 4521 (*VMAL 630 AM*); MUR 4525 (*Senator Larry Pressler*); MUR 4527 (*Brennan for Senate*); MUR 4536 (*Signature Properties, Inc.*); MUR 4540 (*Tim Johnson for SD*); MUR 4542 (*Dan Frisa for Congress*); MUR 4552 (*Charles W. Norwood*); MUR 4554 (*John Byron for Congress*); MUR 4556 (*Jim Wiggins for Congress*); MUR 4561 (*Jay Hoffman for Congress*); MUR 4564 (*National Republican Congressional Committee*); MUR 4567 (*DNC Services Corp.*); MUR 4569 (*McGovern Committee*); RAD 96L-11 (*New York Republican County Committee*); Pre-MUR 343 (*NRSC*); and Pre-MUR 312 (*Joseph Demio*). The Demio case involves fundraising related to former Congresswoman Mary Rose Oaker's 1992 congressional campaign. It was held as a courtesy to the Department of Justice pending resolution of a parallel criminal matter in the District Court for the District of Columbia. Mr. Demio recently entered into a plea agreement with the Department of Justice (on which we were not consulted) in which he agreed, among other things, to waive the statute of limitations regarding civil violations of the FECA. Considering the age of the case and activity, the fact that DOJ has not formally referred this matter to us, and the Commission's continuing resource constraints, dismissal is the appropriate disposition of this matter.

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We recommend that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and direct closure of the cases listed below, effective November 17, 1997. Closing these cases as of this date will permit CED and the Legal Review Team the necessary time to prepare closing letters and case files for the public record.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective November 17, 1997, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

RAD 96L-11	Pre-MUR 312	Pre-MUR 349
	Pre-MUR 343	Pre-MUR 350
RAD 97L-10	Pre-MUR 347	Pre-MUR 355
RAD 97L-16	Pre-MUR 348	

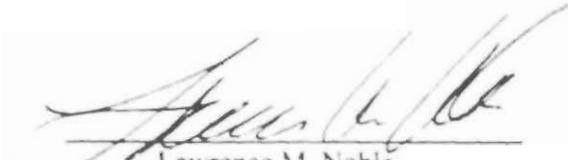
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B. Take no action, close the file effective November 17, 1997, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

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| MUR 4283 | MUR 4495 | MUR 4569 |
| MUR 4341 | MUR 4496 | MUR 4586 |
| MUR 4402 | MUR 4497 | MUR 4590 |
| MUR 4435 | MUR 4510 | MUR 4600 |
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| MUR 4474 | MUR 4552 | MUR 4641 |
| MUR 4477 | MUR 4554 | MUR 4644 |
| MUR 4481 | MUR 4556 | MUR 4651 |
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Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) Agenda Document No. X97-77
Enforcement Priority)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on December 2, 1997, do hereby certify that the Commission took the following actions with respect to Agenda Document No. X97-77:

1. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective December 15, 1997, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

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| 1. RAD 96L-11 | 7. Pre-MUR 347 |
| | 8. Pre-MUR 348 |
| 3. RAD 97L-10 | 9. Pre-MUR 349 |
| 4. RAD 97L-16 | 10. Pre-MUR 350 |
| 5. Pre-MUR 312 | 11. Pre-MUR 355 |
| 6. Pre-MUR 343 | |

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| 14. | MUR 4459 | 39. | MUR 4567 |
| 15. | MUR 4474 | 40. | MUR 4569 |
| 16. | MUR 4477 | 41. | MUR 4586 |
| 17. | MUR 4481 | 42. | MUR 4590 |
| 18. | MUR 4485 | 43. | MUR 4600 |
| 19. | MUR 4486 | 44. | MUR 4612 |
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| 23. | MUR 4497 | 48. | MUR 4622 |
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| 25. | MUR 4511 | 50. | MUR 4629 |
| 26. | MUR 4514 | 51. | MUR 4636 |
| 27. | MUR 4515 | 52. | MUR 4637 |
| 28. | MUR 4521 | 53. | MUR 4639 |
| 29. | MUR 4525 | 54. | MUR 4641 |
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| 32. | MUR 4540 | 57. | MUR 4653 |
| 33. | MUR 4542 | 58. | MUR 4656 |
| 34. | MUR 4552 | 59. | MUR 4657 |
| 35. | MUR 4554 | | |

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry,
and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

12-4-97
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 15, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Craig Athon
1616 West Hellman Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

RE: MUR 4615

Dear Mr. Athon:

On January 21, 1997, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the respondents. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on December 15, 1997. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8)

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment
Narrative

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MUR 4615

CATHOLIC DEMOCRATS FOR CHRISTIAN VALUES

Craig Athon alleges that Catholic Democrats for Christian Values mailed a brochure in opposition to President Clinton's re-election without registering as a political action committee. Complainant further states that the return address on the brochure was the same as Anthony Venti Realtors.

Mr. Anthony Venti responds that his realty corporation has no involvement or affiliation with the Catholic Democrats for Christian Values. He provided a copy of the group's California Statement of Organization, which indicated that his brother, Benjamin "Frank" Venti, is the organization's sole officeholder.

Mr. Frank Venti, responding on behalf of himself and Catholic Democrats for Christian Values, states that the funds for his organization were exclusively personal, he had filed a notice with the State of California when his expenditures exceeded \$1,000, and that he did not realize that his inclusion of the statement "Do Not Vote for Bill Clinton" on his flyer triggered the need to file with the FEC. He included in his response an FEC Form 5 reporting two expenditures totaling \$3,500.

This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 15, 1997

Anthony Venti, Owner
Anthony Venti Realtors
200 South Garfield, Suite #208
Alhambra, CA 91801

RE: MUR 4615

Dear Mr. Venti:

On January 28, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Anthony Venti Realtors and you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on December 15, 1997.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer H. Boyt on our toll-free number, (800)-424-9530. Our local number is (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 15, 1997

Benjamin "Frank" Venti, President
Catholic Democrats for Christian Values
200 South Garfield, Suite #208
Alhambra, CA 91801

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THIS IS THE END OF MUR # 4615

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