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## FEC RELEASES THREE COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on three matters previously under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the case. (Please see footnote at the end of this release.) Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office.

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1. MUR 3764

RESPONDENTS: Kasten for Senate Committee, Inc., James R. Behrend, treasurer (WI)  
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)  
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions  
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$17,000 civil penalty\*

2. MUR 4071

RESPONDENTS: Rick White for Congress Committee, Dawna K. Munson, treasurer (WA)  
COMPLAINANTS: King County Democrats, George Zander, Chair, and Nancy Rising (WA)  
SUBJECT: Disclaimers  
DISPOSITION: No reason to believe\*

3. MUR 4225

RESPONDENT: Southeast Texas Roundtable (TX)  
COMPLAINANT: Stephen M. Clifford (TX)  
SUBJECT: Disclaimer, failure to file independent expenditure report  
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe, but took no further action\*

\*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

1. Receipt of proper complaint
  2. "Reason to believe" stage
  3. "Probable cause" stage
  4. Conciliation stage
- It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.

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