



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

Mr. Stephen E. Callo
Treasurer, Let's Go ForWard Hawaii Committee
1136 Union Hall Mall, Suite 510
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November 21, 2000

Dear Mr. Callo:

Thank you for your letter and for enclosing the completed "Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR Program" form. We have reviewed your case, MUR 4927 and accepted it for processing in the FEC's ADR program.

The first phase of the program is the negotiation stage. If you have not already been selected, we suggest that the "Go ForWard Hawaii Committee" designate a representative-('s) with authority to engage in negotiations on behalf of the Committee and with authorization to settle the matter under discussion. The objective of the negotiations, during which I will represent the FEC, will be to achieve a mutually agreeable settlement of the complaint. Our aim during the negotiations will be to assist the Committee in correcting the behavior that led to the complaint or if the Committee is concluding its activities assist it in terminating its operations.

After you receive this letter, you or the designated representative-('s) of the Committee should be in touch with this office to select a day and time for the negotiations. While we would welcome the opportunity to sit down in Washington, D.C., with the Committee's representative-('s) to negotiate an agreement, we are prepared to address this matter and work to resolve it over the phone. Please let us hear from you within the next two weeks so that we may concur in the day, time and place for our negotiations. We anticipate that the negotiations will take no more than an hour.

In the event that we are unable to arrive at a settlement of this matter, we will proceed by mutual agreement to Mediation. The Mediation process is described in the material that accompanied our initial letter. If we proceed to Mediation, we will submit 3 names from a list of 15 Mediators who were selected, based on their extensive experience in the private sector, to serve on a panel especially prepared to handle FECA disputes. To assist you in selecting the Mediator for your case, the names of the panel members will be accompanied by brief biographical sketches. While the Mediators are prepared to assist us in resolving this matter, they neither have the authority or inclination to resolve it for us. That is a matter entirely in our hands.

If the Committee will be terminating its activities please keep in mind that the closure of a Committee's operations requires the submittal of a termination report to the FEC on the appropriate

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form. Acceptance of the termination report is dependent on the resolution of a number of issues that are spelled-out in 11 CFR §102.3(a)(1) "... only a committee which will no longer receive any contributions or make any disbursements that would otherwise qualify it as a political committee may terminate, provided that such committee has no outstanding debts and obligations." Additional information about Committee termination may be obtained from the FEC's brochure "Campaign Guides for Congressional Candidates and Committees" or on the FEC home page at "<http://www.fec.gov>" However, the filing of a termination report is unrelated to the resolution of the complaint which is the subject of the discussions underway with the ADR office.

If you have any questions about the ADR program or the negotiation or mediation procedures please let us hear from you. In the meantime, we look forward to hearing from you and concluding this matter expeditiously.

Sincerely,



Allan D. Silberman,
Director, ADR Office

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