



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

February 1, 2001

Thomas A. Cramer.
Committee to Elect Thomas Cramer
1 South 755 Taylor Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Cramer:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement between you, as the representative of the Committee to Elect Thomas Cramer, and the Federal Election Commission (FEC) resolving case ADR 005/MUR 4917 which was approved by the Federal Election Commission yesterday, January 31, 2001.

To assist you in complying with the terms of paragraph six (6) of the enclosed agreement, we will forward to you, as soon as they are available, the dates and locations of the FEC sponsored seminars that will be presented in 2001. We look forward to receiving the payments of the assessed civil penalty specified in the aforementioned paragraph of the enclosed agreement.

This agreement effectively resolves the issues raised in the complaint filed against the Committee to Elect Thomas Cramer which is the subject of this case.

I appreciate your assistance in resolving this matter and helping to bring this case to a mutually satisfactory conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan D. Silberman".

Allan D. Silberman,
Director, ADR Office

Enclosure

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Case Number: ADR 005
Source: MUR 017
Case Name: Committee to Elect
Thomas Cramer

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn and notarized complaint filed by Brent M. Christensen. Following a review of the record and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the FECA"), and to resolve this matter, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") entered into negotiations with Thomas A. Cramer, on behalf of the Committee to Elect Thomas Cramer ("the Respondent") It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and the Respondent have addressed all the issues raised in this matter. The parties have agreed to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

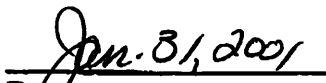
1. The Commission has entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the Federal Election Campaign Act and in an effort to promote compliance with the FECA on the part of the Respondent. The Commission's use of ADR procedures is authorized in "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996", 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
2. The Respondent has voluntarily entered into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The Respondent failed to timely file their year-end 1998 report and their mid-year 1999 report. The FECA requires that all candidate campaign committees file quarterly reports which shall be filed no later than the 15th day after the last day of each calendar quarter except that the report for the quarter ending December 31 shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following year and in years when there is no regularly scheduled election for which the candidate is seeking election, a report covering the period beginning January 1 and ending June 30 shall be filed no later than July 31.
2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2)
4. The Respondent failed to designate a campaign depository as required. Each political committee shall designate one or more depository institutions as its campaign depository and include that designation in their statement of organization. 2 U.S.C. § 432(h)(1) and 2 U.S.C. § 433(b)(6).

5. The Respondent's Mid Year Report and 48 hour Notice Report inaccurately reported contributions and in-kind contributions received by the Committee. Reports from authorized committees should disclose the total amount of all receipts and the total amount of contributions from political committees. 2 U.S.C. § 434 (b)(2)(D) Contributions include any gift, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value. 2 U.S.C. § 431 (8)(A)
6. The Respondent has corrected the aforementioned reports by filing amendments to those reports. In order to avoid similar reporting errors in the future, the Respondent agrees to attend during the current calendar year, at a location of their choosing, an FEC sponsored seminar for campaign committees. Respondent further agrees, in order to conclude this matter, to pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), payable in two equal payments of five hundred dollars (\$500) each on March 31 and May 30, 2001.
7. The parties agree that if the Respondent fails to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
8. This agreement will become effective on the date signed by all the parties and approved by the Commission. The Respondent shall comply with the terms set forth in paragraph six (6) above within the time period specified in that section.
9. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on MUR 4917 and effectively resolves this matter. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included in herein, shall be enforceable.


FOR THE COMMISSION:

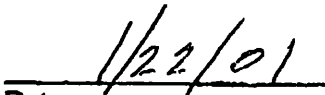
Allan D. Silberman,
Director Alternative Dispute Resolution Office


Allan D. Silberman


Date

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


(Name)
(Position) Candidate


Date