



**Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463**

August 16, 2001

Craig Boone, Treasurer  
Friends & Farmers for Rich Rodriguez for Congress  
PO Box 26658  
Fresno, CA 93729-6658

Re: ADR 027 (MUR 5062)

Dear Mr. Boone:

Enclosed please find a signed copy of the agreement between Friends & Farmers for Rich Rodriguez for Congress, Craig Boone, Treasurer and Rich Rodriguez and the Federal Election Commission (FEC/Commission) regarding ADR 027 (MUR 5062). The agreement was approved by the Commission on August 14, 2001.

I need to remind you that the settlement agreement, along with the exchange of correspondence, will be made part of the public record. The FEC is obligated by federal statute to put settlement agreements on the public record. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). Accordingly, the appropriate portions of this file will be forwarded to the Commission's Public Information Office to be placed on the public record.

This agreement resolves the matter that was brought to the attention of the FEC by David Plouffe, Executive Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, regarding an alleged violation of the federal election campaign laws. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually satisfactory conclusion.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office  
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement

Recipients: Friends & Farmers for Rich Rodriguez for Congress, Craig Boone, Treasurer  
Rich Rodriguez  
Daneil Brothers, Inc.  
Tres Panoche Land Company  
Sierra Vista Pharmacy  
Willemina Dairy  
Peggy Stefanopoulos  
Panoche Ginning Company  
The Grapery  
Tiemersma Dairy  
Richard D. Altimus, Esq., Manzanillo Ranch  
Paul Sullivan, Esq., Gilkey Enterprises  
Kathryn E. Donovan, Esq.,  
GWF Power Systems Co., Inc.

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Case Number: ADR 027  
Source: MUR 5062  
Case Name: Friends and Farmers for  
Rich Rodriguez for Congress, et al.

### NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn and notarized complaint filed by David Plouffe, Executive Director, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("FECA") and resolve this matter, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") entered into negotiations with Craig Boone representing the Friends and Farmers for Rich Rodriguez ("Committee"), Rich Rodriguez, and Craig Boone, as Treasurer. 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 respondents addressed all the issues raised in this matter. The parties agreed to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) 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. Respondents voluntarily entered into this agreement with the Commission.
3. Complainant alleged that Friends and Farmers for Rich Rodriguez for Congress Committee, Rich Rodriguez, and Craig Boone, as Treasurer for the Committee, accepted contributions from corporations, accepted excessive contributions from individuals, and failed to accurately report these contributions in violation of the FECA. The FECA states that no candidate or political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution or make any expenditure which violates the campaign finance limitations or prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. § 441a. In addition, the FECA further states that it is unlawful for any candidate, political committee or other


person to knowingly accept or receive any contribution from a corporation as prohibited by 2 U.S.C. § 441b.

4. The Committee stated it had a process in place and took affirmative steps when the legality of a contribution could not be ascertained on its face by sending an inquiry to the contributor to verify the legal status of any questionable contribution. Respondents provided documentation to support their contention that the FECA, and relevant regulations, were complied with and requested that the Commission dismiss this matter.
5. After a review of the complaint and response, the Commission determined that any alleged violation of the FECA was unsubstantiated, and agreed to dismiss the matter.
6. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by respondents and approved by the Commission.
7. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the Friends and Farmers for Rich Rodriguez for Congress, Rich Rodriguez and Craig Boone as Treasurer and the Commission on ADR 027 (MUR 5062), and effectively resolves this matter. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

**FOR THE COMMISSION:**

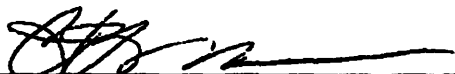
Allan D. Silberman, Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

By:

  
Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

8/14/01  
Date Signed

**FOR THE RESPONDENTS:**

  
Craig Boone, as Treasurer and  
as representing the Friends and Farmers  
for Rich Rodriguez for Congress

6/19/01  
Date Signed

  
Rich Rodriguez

6-19-01  
Date Signed