



Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

Case Number: ADR 030  
Source: MUR 5070  
Case Name: Idaho Christian Coalition

### NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn and notarized complaint filed by Interfaith Alliance of Idaho. 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 Chris McGreer, representing the Idaho Christian Coalition, Inc. ("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 respondent addressed all issues raised in the complaint. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

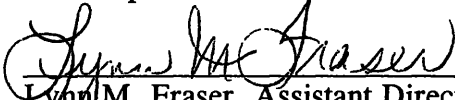
1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of respondent. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) is authorized in "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996," 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
2. Respondent voluntarily enters into this agreement with the Commission.
3. Complainant alleges that respondent, a 501(c)(3) organization, sent a questionnaire to candidates for local, state and federal office, and using information purportedly from the questionnaire, developed the partisan Family Voter Guide 2000 for the Idaho primary election. This voter guide was distributed to churches all over the state of Idaho. Complainant further alleges that these clearly partisan guides constitute a prohibited in-kind contribution, and violated the FECA.
4. The FECA prohibits a corporation from making a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election to federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 441b.

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5. Respondent acknowledges that a voter guide distributed to churches within the State of Idaho carried a disclosure that it was authorized by the Idaho Christian Coalition ("ICC") and provided by the Idaho Christian Coalition Voter Guide Distribution Center. Respondent contends that the disclaimer was a fraudulent misrepresentation, as neither the questionnaire nor the Voter Guide was approved or authorized by the ICC Board of Directors ("Board") as required by the terms of the proposal with the voter guide consultant/distribution manager. Respondent further contends that a former chairman of the ICC, acting on his own behalf and contrary to specific instructions given to him by the ICC Board, developed, printed, arranged payment for and distributed the questionnaire and voter guide. Respondent denied authorizing the questionnaire or voter guide, and did not expend any funds for printing and/or distribution of these communications to candidates and/or churches.
6. The ADR Office reviewed the complaint, response, and supporting documentation such as the questionnaire and voter guide, minutes of ICC Board meeting, as well as ICC press releases and media reports of interviews with individuals involved in the controversy, and determined that the allegation was not substantiated as to the respondent named in the complaint. The Commission agrees to dismiss this matter.
7. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission.
8. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 030 (MUR 5070), 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.

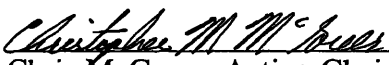
FOR THE COMMISSION:

Allan D. Silberman, Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

By:   
Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

7-12-02  
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

  
Chris McGreer, Acting Chairman  
Representing the Idaho Christian Coalition

20 June 2002  
Date Signed