



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 30, 2021

Jeff Berman, Treasurer
Community Change Voters
1536 U Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

**Response Due Date
July 22, 2021**

Re: ADR 1030 (RAD 21L-38)
Community Change Voters and Jeff Berman, Treasurer (C00612820)

Dear Jeff Berman:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred a compliance issue to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The referral by the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) was based on a review of reports filed by Community Change Voters which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with Community Change Voters and Jeff Berman, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate settlement of a matter that is mutually agreeable. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If negotiations are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR Office, determined that the case is eligible for processing in the ADR program. If Respondents decide to participate in the ADR Program, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR processing; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral interest based negotiations; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed under the FEC's ADR program.

The issues referred to the ADRO, and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are summarized as follows:

RAD referred Community Change Voters and Jeff Berman, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely file one (1) 24-Hour Report to support one (1) independent expenditure totaling \$150,000 disclosed on the Amended 12-Day Pre-General Report.

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In a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) filed on March 15, 2021, the Committee acknowledged that it failed to timely file the 24-Hour Report and further stated that the error arose as a result of an internal miscommunication regarding the portion of the expenditure allocated to each respective candidate. In addition, the Committee stated that it has identified deficiencies in its internal communications and has taken steps to improve its processes to ensure timely and accurate communication about independent expenditure activity in the future.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions, which describe the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like to participate in ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR form. **Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business days from the date of this letter will be taken as a notice of disinterest in the program and your case will be dropped from further consideration for ADR.** In that event, your case will be sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel for further processing.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 1030**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADRO at my direct dial as indicated below

Sincerely,



Joshua A. Rebollozo
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office