



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 28, 2021

Jason D. Christensen, Treasurer
Stephany Rose for Congress
5 E. Bijou St.
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**Response Due Date
November 18, 2021**

Re: ADR 1049 (MUR 7361) and ADR 1050 (MUR 7424)
Stephany Rose for Congress and Jason D. Christensen, Treasurer (C00649038)

Dear Jason D. Christensen:

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 Office of General Counsel was based on complaints filed by Betty A. Field and Chandra Wilkins which allege violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by Stephany Rose for Congress.

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 Stephany Rose for Congress and Jason D. Christensen, 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:

On April 10, 2018, Betty A. Field filed a Complaint alleging that Stephany Rose for Congress and Jason D. Christensen, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) "laundered

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monies from a church in Illinois through her personal bank account, then disbursed it to family members and friends to donate back to her campaign.” On July 10, 2018, Chandra Wilkins filed a separate Complaint alleging that Respondents received \$12,000 from a church, cashed the check, and deposited the funds into the Committee's bank account in individual amounts under the itemization threshold to avoid disclosing donor information. In addition, the Complaint filed on July 10, 2018 further alleges that Respondents failed to disclose \$30,000 in loans.

In a response filed on April 26, 2018, Respondents state that neither the candidate nor her family received money from a church in Illinois that was ultimately passed through to Stephany Rose for Congress. Additionally, in a response filed on August 29, 2018, Respondents generally deny the allegations in the Complaint filed on July 10, 2018, and further contend that FEC reports filed by the campaign reflect all Committee activity and that there were no additional receipts or expenditures in its bank account aside from the activity of the Committee.

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 1049** and **ADR 1050**. Please refer to these numbers 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,



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Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office