



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

Case Number ADR 110

Source MUR 5259

Case Name Citizens to Elect Yvonne Christian-Williams
and Stanley P. King, Treasurer

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn and notarized complaint filed by Karen Huey White. 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 Yvonne Christian Williams and Stanley P. King representing Citizens to Elect Yvonne Christian Williams and Stanley P. King, Treasurer ("Respondents"). 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 the issues raised in this 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 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 enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. Complainant alleges that Respondents failed to disclose expenditures in a timely manner and that advertising failed to have the required disclaimers. Specifically, Complainant alleges that as of March 17, 2002 Respondents had not filed any reports with the Commission disclosing expenditures although the campaign had placed at least ten billboards around the Southside of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Complainant estimated that the billboards cost between \$4,000 and \$7,000 each. Complainant also alleges that none of the billboards had any disclaimer on them as to who authorized and paid for the signs.
4. The FECA requires that whenever a political committee makes a disbursement for the purpose of financing any communication through any outdoor advertising facility or any other type of general public political

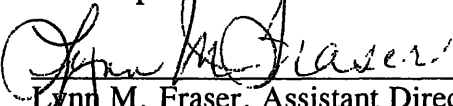
advertising, or whenever any person makes a disbursement for the purpose of financing communications expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, if paid for and authorized by a candidate, an authorized political committee of a candidate, or its agents, shall clearly state that the communication has been paid for by such authorized political committee. 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a)(1), 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1).

5. Respondents acknowledge that an inadvertent violation of the FECA occurred due to the omission of the required disclaimer on the billboards. Respondents contend that the omission was due to an oversight by the vendor, which Respondents did not notice in the final review. Regarding the failure to report the expenditure for the billboards, Respondents state that the \$8,000 invoice for all the billboards was received from the vendor in mid-April 2002 and reported in the July 2002 Quarterly Report.
6. Respondents, in order to resolve this matter, agree: (a) to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000; and (b) terminate the committee.
7. The parties agree that if Respondents fail 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 shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondent shall comply with the terms of the settlement within thirty days from the effective date of this agreement.
9. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 110 (MUR 5259), 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:

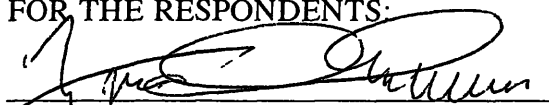
Allan D. Silberman, Director
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By:


Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

9/29/03
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Yvonne Christian Williams
Representing Citizens to Elect Yvonne Christian Williams
and Stanley P. King, Treasurer

9/9/03
Date Signed