



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

Case Number ADR 114
Source: MUR 5306
Case Name: Clinton Township
Democratic Club

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn and notarized complaint filed by Rusty Hills on behalf of the Michigan Republican State Committee. Following a review of the record and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the FECA"), and to resolve this matter, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") entered into negotiations with Judith L. Strong, representing Clinton Township Democratic Club ("the CTDC") and Judith L. Strong, Treasurer ("the 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 the Respondents have addressed all the issues raised in this matter. The parties have agreed to resolve the matter according to the following terms:


1. The Commission has entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the Federal Election Campaign Act and in an effort to promote compliance with the FECA on the part of the Respondents. The Commission's use of ADR procedures 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. The Respondents have voluntarily entered into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The complaint alleges that Respondents failed to file periodic campaign finance reports for the period from July 1999 through June 2001. In the interim, CTDC, a registered local (MI) party committee, made a \$1,000 contribution in November 2000 to the Byrum for Congress Committee and a \$5,000 contribution in December 2000 to the Michigan Democratic Central Committee. In January 2002, Respondents resumed filing financial reports with the filing of the year-end for 2001.
4. Respondents, who registered in 1982 and regularly filed reports, acknowledged having failed to file the required reports from the second half of 1999 through first half of 2001. CTDC reports that they were unaware that the subject reports had not been filed and took steps, on learning of the situation, to bring the organization into compliance. The missing reports were subsequently filed in November 2002.

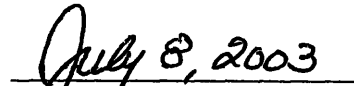
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5. Each treasurer of a political committee shall file reports of receipts and disbursements in accordance with the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). See 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(1). All political committees are required to file reports in accordance with the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4).
6. Respondents acknowledge that they violated the FECA by failing to file the required financial reports. In order to resolve this matter and avoid violating Federal election campaign regulations in the future, Respondents agree: (1) to hire an accountant familiar with the reporting requirements of the regulations to regularly review the records and reports of CTDC; (2) to select and send an appropriate representative to a FEC sponsored workshop on federal campaign reporting requirements within twelve months of the effective date of this agreement; and (3) pay a civil penalty of \$500.
7. The parties agree that if the 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 will become effective on the date signed by all the parties and approved by the Commission.
9. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 114/MUR 5306 and effectively resolves this matter. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included in herein, shall be enforceable.

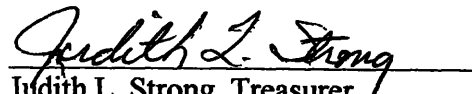
FOR THE COMMISSION:

Allan D. Silberman,
Director Alternative Dispute Resolution Office


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Date

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Judith L. Strong, Treasurer
Clinton Township Democratic Club


Date

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