



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 30, 2024

Claudia Armendinger, Treasurer
D'Esposito for New York
P.O. Box 188
Island Park, NY 11558

**Response Due Date
October 21, 2024**

Re: ADR 1178 (RR 24L-02)
D'Esposito for New York and Claudia Armendinger, Treasurer (C00809426)

Dear Claudia Armendinger:

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 D'Esposito for New York 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 D'Esposito for New York and Claudia Armendinger, 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 D'Esposito for New York and Claudia Armendinger, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on its 2022 30-Day Post-General Report. On July 20, 2023, the Committee filed an Amended 2022 30-Day Post-General Report which disclosed additional debts totaling \$150,279.30. At the time of referral no corrective action was required.

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On March 13, 2024, the Committee filed a Response stating its "employees were in possession of these debts and did not share them with the treasurer until a later date, at which time it felt important to accurately reflect those debts owed."

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 1178**. 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

Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions
 Commitment to Participate in ADR & Designation of Representative/Counsel