



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 24, 2025

Gary Tasser, Treasurer
Kumar for Congress
1818 Harms Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94566

**Response Due Date
February 14, 2025**

Re: ADR 1197 (RAD 24L-51)
ADR 1199 (RAD 23L-41 and MUR 8152)
Kumar for Congress and Gary Tasser, Treasurer (C00695866) and Rishi Kumar

Dear Gary Tasser:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred compliance issues to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The referrals were based on a review of reports filed by, as well as complaints filed against, Kumar for Congress 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 Rishi Kumar (the Candidate), Kumar for Congress (the Committee), and Gary Tasser, Treasurer (collectively Respondents). 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 and/or transferring these matters to the ADR Office, determined eligibility 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:

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Respondents to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADRO) in RAD 24L-51 for failing to remedy 2024 General Election contributions totaling \$46,300.00 within the permissible timeframe. All of the contributions have been remedied, albeit untimely.

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In addition, the Commission voted to transfer MUR 8152 and RR 23L-41 to the ADRO for processing. RAD referred Respondents in RR 23L-41 for failing to disclose all financial activity on the 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report. The Committee filed an Amended 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report which disclosed additional disbursements totaling \$70,100.

On August 9, 2023, Tamara Fagin filed a Complaint alleging that Rishi Kumar failed to file a Statement of Candidacy designating Kumar for Congress and Gary Tasser in his official capacity as treasurer as his principal campaign committee, despite meeting the statutory requirements as a candidate. The Complaint also alleges that the Committee misreported its election-cycle-to-date receipts on its 2023 July Quarterly Report by \$3,438. Additionally, on January 11, 2023, Mary McMillan filed a Complaint alleging, in part, that \$19,900 in contributions was misattributed in the 2022 election cycle.

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.

These matters have been designated as **ADR 1197 and ADR 1199**. 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,



Krista J. Roche
Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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