



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

Case Number: ADR 122  
Source: PMUR 410  
Case Name: Ally & Yvonne Visram

### **NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT**

This matter was brought to the attention of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") by a *sua sponte* submission by Ally and Yvonne Visram ("the Respondents"). 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 Commission entered into negotiations with Jeffrey A. Tait, Esq., representing the Respondents. It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

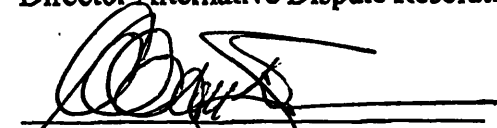
Negotiations between the Commission and the Respondents have addressed the issues raised in this matter. The parties have agreed to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

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 of 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. On October 22, 2002, counsel brought to the Commission's attention contributions made by the Respondents in 1998 and 2000 to two Federal candidates' campaign committees. The *sua sponte* submission advised of two \$1,000 contributions made in October 1998 and September 2000 to Friends of Maurice Hinchey and a subsequent contribution of \$1000 made in September 2000 to Lazio 2000, Inc. All three contributions were subsequently reimbursed by a corporation, in which the Respondents were principals or officers. After learning that a corporation's reimbursement of contributions to Federal election campaigns was illegal, the Respondents, thereafter, reimbursed the corporation, including an amount for accumulated interest.
4. No person shall make a contribution in the name of another person or knowingly permit his or her name to be used to effect such a contribution. 2 U.S.C. § 441f. It is unlawful for any corporation to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election at which a Senator or Representative in Congress is to be voted for or in connection with any primary election to select candidates for any of the foregoing offices. See 2 U.S.C. § 441b.

5. Respondents acknowledge their violation of the FECA. In order to conclude this matter and avoid similar violations in the future, the Respondents agree to: 1) educate themselves on the provisions of the FECA with particular reference to the portion of the statute that prohibits corporate contributions to Federal election campaigns, 2) promulgate a corporate policy enunciating the prohibition on corporate contributions to Federal election campaigns, and 3) to pay a civil penalty of \$450.
6. This agreement will become effective on the date signed by all the parties and approved by the Commission.
7. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 122/PMUR 410 and effectively concludes this matter. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included in herein, shall be enforceable.

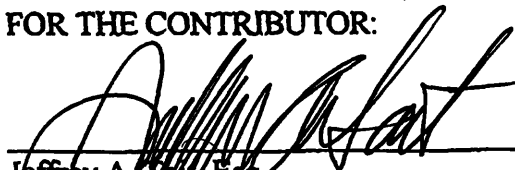
FOR THE COMMISSION:

Allan D. Silberman,  
Director Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

  
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August 14, 2003  
Date

FOR THE CONTRIBUTOR:

  
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Jeffrey A. Dan, Esq.  
Counsel for Respondents

July 31, 2003  
Date