



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

November 25, 2005

Natasha George, Treasurer
No vote Left Behind
2027 Eastlake Avenue East #304
Seattle, WA 98102

Re: ADR 283
No Vote Left Behind and Natasha George, Treasurer

Dear Ms. George:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on July 11, 2005 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against No Vote Left Behind and Natasha George, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 283 (RR 5L-35) was approved by the Commission on November 22, 2005 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note that paragraph 9 of the agreement specifies that Respondents shall comply with terms (a) and (b) of this settlement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the agreement, and with term (c) within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondents' compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 6 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6.

As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint/referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

This agreement resolves the matter that was initiated by the Commission pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory

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responsibilities regarding violations of federal election campaign laws. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement

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Case Number: ADR 283
Source: RR 05L-35
Case Name: No Vote Left Behind

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 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 Commission entered into negotiations with Natasha George representing No Vote Left Behind and Natasha George, Treasurer ("the Committee" or "Respondents"). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in this referral. 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. The Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") referred the Committee for a failure to timely file four (4) 48-Hour Notices totaling \$47,791.96 in support of one-hundred thirteen (113) independent expenditures. All but five of these expenditures were made during the third quarter and prior to the 20th day before the election. RAD explained that five of the expenditures were made at the end of the second quarter, but did not trigger the 48-Hour Notice as the aggregate was less than \$10,000. RAD verified that although the Committee failed to file the required Notices, the independent expenditures were disclosed on the 2004 July Quarterly Report and the 2004 October Quarterly Report.
4. The FECA requires a political committee to report the name and address of each person who receives any disbursement during the reporting period in an

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aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200 within the calendar year in connection with an independent expenditure. In addition, the committee must disclose the date, amount, and purpose of any such independent expenditure and a statement which indicates whether such independent expenditure is in support of, or in opposition to, a candidate, as well as the name and office sought by such a candidate. The committee must certify, under penalty of perjury, whether such independent expenditure is made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or any authorized committee or agent of such committee. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(6)(B)(iii), 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(3)(vii). The statute also requires that when a person or political committee that makes or contracts to make independent expenditures aggregating \$10,000 or more at any time up to and including the 20th day before the date of an election shall file a report describing the expenditure within forty-eight (48) hours. 2 U.S.C. § 434(g)(2), 11 C.F.R. § 104.4(b)(1)-(2).

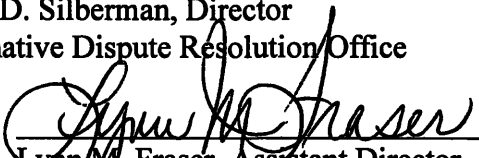
5. Respondents acknowledge a violation of FECA, due to an inexperienced volunteer staff. The requisite Notices were filed after RAD reminded the Committee of the requirement.
6. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) pay a civil penalty of \$2,500; (b) develop a FECA compliance manual for use by the Committee's staff; and (c) take a FEC seminar for PACs within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this agreement.
7. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C., § 1746.
8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may submit any unpaid civil penalty to the U.S. Treasury for collection or undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
9. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with terms (a) and (b) within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this agreement, and with term (c) within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this agreement.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 283 (RR 05L-35), 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.

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FOR THE COMMISSION:

Allan D. Silberman, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

By:

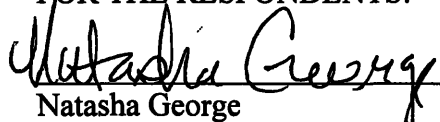


Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:



Natasha George
Representing No Vote Left Behind and
Natasha George, Treasurer



Date Signed

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