



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

December 5, 2006

Audrey Perry, Esq.
Caplin & Drysdale
One Thomas Circle, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Re: ADR #304 (RR -5L-61) & ADR 330 (RR 06L-18)
Latino Alliance and Linda Chavez, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Perry:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on October 26, 2005 and May 15, 2006 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Latino Alliance and Linda Chavez, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 304 (RR 05L-61) and ADR 330 (RR 06L-18) was approved by the Commission on November 28, 2006 - the effective date of the agreement.

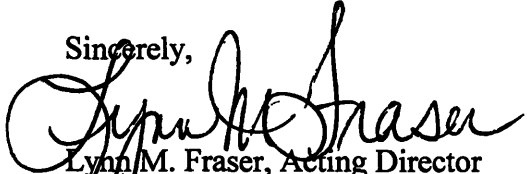
Note that paragraph 10 of the agreement specifies that Respondents shall comply with the term (a) in paragraph 7 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the agreement. Respondents shall comply with term (b) in paragraph 7 within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this agreement. Respondents shall comply with term (c) in paragraph 7 within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondents' compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 7 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 7.

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 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.

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This agreement resolves the matter that was initiated by the Commission pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory 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, Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement

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Case Number ADR 304 & ADR 330
Source RR 05L-61 & RR 06L-18
Case Name Latino Alliance

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

These matters were initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Following review of the matters, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("FECA") and resolve these matters, the Commission entered into negotiations with Audrey Perry, Esq., representing the Latino Alliance and Linda Chavez, in her official capacity as Treasurer ("the Committee" or "Respondents"). It is understood that this consolidated agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in these referrals. 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. In ADR 304, the Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") determined that Respondents failed to disclose all disbursements on their 2004 30 Day Post General Report. Respondents filed the original 2004 30 Day Post General Report on December 2, 2004. Respondents filed an amended 30 Day Post General Report on June 1, 2005 that disclosed additional disbursements of \$76,798.87.
4. In ADR 330, RAD determined that RAD determined that Respondents failed to disclose all receipts on their 2004 30-Day Post General Report. Respondents filed the original 2004 30 Day Post General Report on December 2, 2004. Respondents filed an amended 30 Day Post General Report on July 12, 2006 that disclosed additional receipts totaling \$70,873.06.
5. The FECA requires that each treasurer of a political committee file reports of receipts and disbursements in accordance with the provisions of the statute and regulations. 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(a)(1), 434(b)(2), 434(b)(4), 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(a), 104.3(b).

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6. Respondents acknowledge an inadvertent violation of FECA due to their lack of experience. Respondents contend that as soon as they realized there were errors, they took steps to correct the situation. In addition to hiring a manager experienced with federal campaign finance issues, the Committee ensured that each report was reviewed for accuracy before filing.
7. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) pay a civil penalty of \$2,500; (b) develop a compliance desk manual within sixty (60) days; and (c) attend a FEC reporting seminar for PACs within twelve (12) months.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with term (a) in paragraph 7 above within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this agreement. Respondents shall comply with term (b) in paragraph 7 above within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this agreement. Respondents shall comply with term (c) in paragraph 7 above within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this agreement.
11. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 304 (RR 05L-61) and ADR 330 (RR 06L-18), and effectively resolves the issues identified in paragraphs 3 and 4 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



11-27-06
Date Signed

FOR RESPONDENTS:


Audrey Perry, Esq.
Representing the Latino Alliance and
Linda Chavez, Treasurer

11/16/06
Date Signed