



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

May 5, 2005

Vincent J. Bollon, Treasurer
International Assn. of Firefighters Interested in
Registration and Education PAC
1750 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Re: ADR 322 (RR 06L-09)
International Association of Firefighters Interested in Registration
and Education PAC and Vincent J. Bollon, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Bollon:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of RAD reports filed by the International Association of Firefighters Interested in Registration and Education PAC and Vincent J. Bollon, Treasurer, warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission, thereafter, reviewed the file and voted on May 3, 2006 to assign this matter to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office ("ADRO") for processing.

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 Respondents. The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate, and if necessary, mediate 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 and/or mediation 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 Program, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted to the ADR process; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral negotiations and if necessary, mediation; 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:

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RAD referred the International Association of Firefighters Interested in Registration and Education PAC and Vincent J. Bollon, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to file required 48-Hour and 24-Hour Notices, as well as all financial activity. Specifically, the Committee failed to file four (4) 48-Hour Notices to support four (4) independent expenditures, totaling \$102,993.20, and four (4) 24-Hour Notices to support five (5) independent expenditures, totaling \$35,584.50. Additionally, the Committee filed Amended 2005 March Monthly Reports on April 4, 2005, and May 13, 2005, disclosing \$75,249.79 in additional receipts.

In response to the RFAI's sent to the Committee relative to the 48-Hour and 24-Hour Notices, Respondents acknowledged the omission of the 48-Hour and 24-Hour Notices, and said that they had taken appropriate steps and it should not happen again. In response to an RFAI sent to the Committee, referencing the Amended 2005 March Monthly Report, Respondents contend that the omission occurred due to a technical problem that prevented all receipts from being entered in the database.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed brochure, which describes the ADR program, Respondents would like this case selected for ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR Program form. **Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business days of receipt 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 and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as ADR 322 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,

Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
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Enclosures: Brochure
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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