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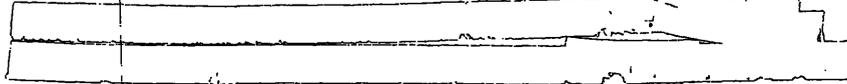
TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Patrina M. Clark
Staff Director

Margarita Maisonet
Chief Compliance Officer

FROM: Deborah Ruth Kant
Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 373, Hafen For Congress, and Maureen Schafer Peckman, Treasurer:



On December 28, 2006, the ADR Office received MUR/5868 to review and determine its appropriateness for ADR processing. Based on that review, we had determined that the case was appropriate for ADR, and on May 8, 2007, recommended that it be assigned to the ADR Office. The ADR Office now seeks to withdraw this Recommendation and instead recommends dismissal. This Memorandum includes a statement of the issues, a summary and analysis of the case, and a recommendation. In addition, the Office of General Counsel reviewed the ADR Memorandum, and concurs in the description of the case.

ADR Case: ADR 373

Source No. MUR 5868

Respondents:
Hafen For Congress
Maureen Schafer Peckman

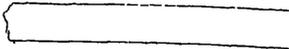
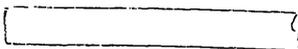
Respondents' Rep.:
Maureen Schafer Peckman

Complainant: John C. Hambrick

Election Cycle: 2006

Date MUR filed: 10/30/06

Date Forwarded to ADRO: December 28, 2006



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Summary and Analysis of Case: The FECA requires that when a principal campaign committee receives last minute contributions of \$1000 or more, the Committee must report these contributions within 48 hours of receipt. These 48-hour notices are required between 2 and 20 days before the election in which the candidate is running. The notices must include the candidate's name, the date of receipt, the amount of the contribution, and the identification of the contributor.

In this case, the Complainant alleges Hafen For Congress and its Treasurer, Maureen Schafer Peckman ("the Respondents" or "the Committee") did not timely file nine 48-hour notices, totaling \$17,500. The Respondents explained that this omission was an administrative error, resulting from a miscommunication between the compliance staffer and the fundraiser. The Committee further explained that the staff personnel believed that the fundraiser would fax the Committee the cancelled checks for the contributions, while the fundraiser thought that the staffer would pull them up from the database. [REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Dismiss ADR 373 /MUR 5868 and close the file.**

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