



**Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463**

July 25, 2007

Neil Reiff, Esq.  
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50 E Street, SE Suite #350  
Washington, DC 20003

**Re: ADR # 383  
Idaho State Democratic Party and Stephanie Astorquia, Treasurer**

Dear Mr. Reiff:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on March 12, 2007 with the Federal Election Commission (“FEC/Commission”) against Idaho State Democratic Party and Stephanie Astorquia, Treasurer (“Respondents”). The agreement for ADR 383 (RR 07L-06) was approved by the Commission on July 19, 2007 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 9 of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent’s 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 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,



Deborah Ruth Kant, Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office  
202-694-1661

Enclosure: Agreement



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Case Number ADR 383  
Source RAD 07L-06  
Case Name Idaho State Democratic Party,  
Stephanie Astorquia, Treasurer

**NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT**

This matter was initiated by a signed submission filed by counsel for the Idaho State Democratic Party, and Stephanie Astorquia, Treasurer. 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 Federal Election Commission ("Commission") entered into negotiations with Neil P. Reiff, representing the Idaho State Democratic Party, and Stephanie Astorquia, Treasurer, (collectively "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 Respondents addressed the issues raised in this submission. 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 guided by "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. Respondents ("the Committee") disclosed additional receipts of \$52,200 (which consisted exclusively of transfers from a non-federal account) in their amended 2006 June Monthly Report, a 95% increase over the financial activity disclosed in the original report. The Committee filed its original report on June 20, 2006 and filed an amended report disclosing the additional receipts on October 19, 2006. The Respondents explained that while conducting an internal audit, they transposed numbers reporting two \$26,100 transactions as \$21,600. Respondents further stated that once they corrected this error, they inadvertently failed to re-key the corrected information into the FECFile software. The Committee apologized for this error and further explained that newly-implemented audit procedures would avoid similar errors in the future prior to the filing of FEC reports.
4. Respondents further stated that they have several internal financial controls in place to facilitate accurate and correct reporting. In addition, the Committee is in the

process of converting from manually inputting financial information into FECFile to importing this data into FECFile.

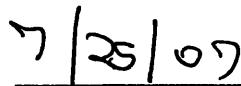
5. Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including receipts. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2), 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a).
6. Respondents, understanding that nothing in this settlement precludes any proceeding or action that might be taken by the U.S. Department of Justice, or any other government entity against Respondents, agree to: (a) conduct internal audit procedures which will be performed by the Committee or a certified public accountant for two years following the effective date of this agreement; (b) certify to the Commission that these audit procedures were completed and verified that financial activity disclosed on reports filed with the Commission are correct and accurate. These certifications shall be submitted on February 10, 2008 and February 10, 2009. Respondents further agree to: (c) attend a campaign finance seminar and (d) complete an additional telephonic training with Commission Staff, specifically tailored to the Committee's reporting issues. Respondents shall complete the terms set out in (c) and (d) within one year from 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 the terms within the time frames set forth in paragraph 6.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 383 (RAD 07L-06), and effectively resolves those issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

By:

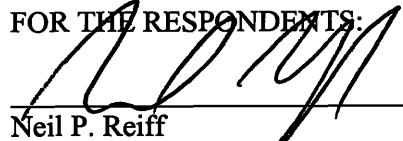


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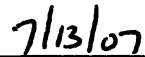


Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

  
Neil P. Reiff

Representing the Idaho State Democratic Party, and  
Stephanie Astorquia, Treasurer



Date Signed

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