



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

June 25, 2007

Norma G. Stewart
Beaufort County South Carolina Republican Party
20 Towne Drive, Suite 172
Bluffton, SC 29910

Re: ADR 393 (MUR 5891)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

On December 27, 2006, the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") notified Beaufort County South Carolina Republican Party of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with the notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to issue an admonishment, but take no further action against the Respondents Beaufort County South Carolina Republican Party and Norma G. Stewart, Treasurer. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated June 13, 2007, this office stated:

Summary: Complainant alleges that Beaufort County South Carolina Republican Party and Norma G. Stewart, Treasurer ("Respondents or Beaufort County") failed to report certain FEA Type III advocating the election of a federal candidate with respect to: (i) advertisements in local newspapers, (ii) a mailer of 500 letters, (iii) emails, (iv) phone bank operations, and (v) campaign flyers. Complainant also alleges that the newspaper ads lack the proper written disclaimers; that the phone banks were funded by the Beaufort County's state campaign account; and that Beaufort County made a contribution to a federal candidate from its state account.

Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 20, 2007. The Commission reminds you, however, that failing to include an adequate and appropriate disclaimer on public communications, is a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act. 2 U.S.C. § 441d and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)-(c). You should take steps to ensure that all the Committee's public communications comply with the FECA in the future.

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The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). In addition, the Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between Respondents and the Commission, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please be in touch. My telephone number is 202-694-1661.

Sincerely,



Deborah Ruth Kant, Director,
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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