



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 11, 2007

Vincent J. Bollon
1750 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Re: ADR 398 (RR 07L-19)
International Association of Firefighters 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 reports filed by the International Association of Firefighters 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 June 7, 2007 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 International Association of Firefighters and Vincent J. Bollon, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee"). 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:

Summary: The FECA requires every membership organization that makes disbursements exceeding \$2,000 per election for communications expressly advocating

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the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate to disclose such costs to the Commission on FEC Form 7. RAD referred the International Association of Fire Fighters and Vincent J. Bollon, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to disclose all communications costs in their 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report. Respondents filed their original 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report on October 23, 2006. Respondents filed an amended 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report on November 6, 2006 that disclosed additional communication costs of \$94,226. The ADRO notes the sensitivity of omitted communication costs immediately preceding the 2006 General Election.

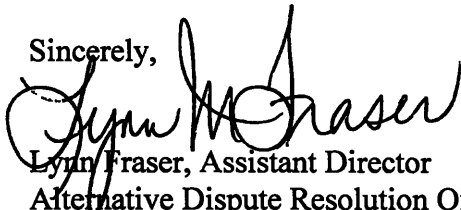
Respondents, in a reply to a RFAI sent to the Committee, contends there was a miscommunication between the Committee and the organization who files the FEC Reports. As soon as the error was detected, an amended 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report was filed.

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 for further processing, and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

If you decide to participate in the ADR Program, please provide any additional response Respondents would like to make, including proposed stipulations or terms to resolve the matter. **Please also provide some dates and times when you'd be available to discuss this matter in detail on a separate sheet of paper.** I will then review my calendar, so that a time can be scheduled.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 398**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have any questions about the ADR Program, please contact me directly at the number given below.

Sincerely,



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