



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 25, 2007

Linda Chavez
49 Serenity Lane
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Re: ADR 367 (RAD 06L-32) & ADR 400 (RR 07L-16)
Stop Union Political Abuse (SUPA) and Linda Chavez, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Chavez:

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 Stop Union Political Abuse warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission, thereafter, reviewed the files and voted on February 16, 2007 on ADR 367 and June 20, 2007 on ADR 400 to assign these matters to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office ("ADRO") and consolidate them 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 Stop Union Political Abuse and Linda Chavez, 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 cases are 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 of ADR 367: RAD referred the Stop Union Political Abuse and Linda Chavez, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to timely file three (3)

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48-Hour Notices. The Notices should have been filed for eight (8) independent expenditures totaling \$39,117.37 made between January 1st and the 20th day before the 2006 Senate Primary Election held in the State of New York on September 12, 2006.

Specifically, after the Committee filed its 2006 April Quarterly Report, RAD sent a RFAI on June 14, 2006, noting that the Committee may have failed to file one or more required 48-Hour Notices. In the referral, RAD noted that Prior Notices listing official filing dates for quarterly filers were sent to the Committee on December 28, 2005 and March 22, 2006. The Notices included a section on 48-Hour and 24-Hour Notices of Independent Expenditures which explained the requirement for filing the notices and what triggered the requirement. On July 17, 2006, the Committee called the Commission to ask if they should file the 48-Hour Notices, albeit untimely. After the Committee filed these notices on August 4, 2006, the Commission received no other communication or response from Respondents.

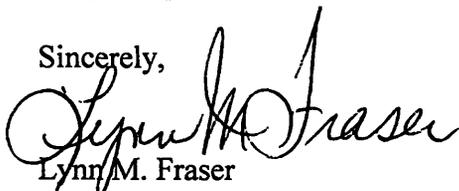
Summary of ADR 400: Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including all receipts, pursuant to the FECA. RAD referred Respondents for failing to disclose a complete report of the Committee's receipts on its 2004 30 Day Post-General Report. Respondents filed their original 2004 30 Day Post-General Report on December 2, 2005. Respondents filed an amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report on November 6, 2006 that disclosed additional receipts of \$68,550.23. Respondents contend that the amended report to disclose additional receipts was due to two data files that had not been received by the individual who prepares the Committee's FEC reports. When Respondents found the omission, they amended the 2004 30 Day Post-General Report, as well as subsequent reports affected.

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.

These matters have been designated as ADR 367 and ADR 400. Please refer to these numbers 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,



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Enclosures: Brochure
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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