



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

November 3, 2008

Ms. Angela Coleman
1723 Valmont Street
New Orleans, LA 70115

Re: ADR 419 (RAD 07L-36)
Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee-Federal Account and Sonia
Badon, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Coleman:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on September 19, 2007 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee-Federal Account and Sonia Badon, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 419 (RAD 07L-36) was approved by the Commission on October 29, 2008 – 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 and contain the ADR caption and case number.

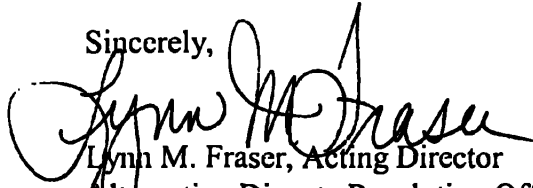
As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared 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.

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

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your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,


Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement

cc: Angela Dillard, Finance and Accounting Office
Ken Pezzella, Finance and Accounting Office
Room 819



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Source: RAD 07L-36
Case Name: Orleans Parish Democratic
Executive Committee-Federal Account

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission (Commission) pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 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 Commission entered into negotiations with Angela Coleman, representing the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee-Federal Account and Sonia Badon, in her official capacity as Treasurer (the Committee or 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 referral. 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. The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Respondents for failing to disclose the source of their cash on hand when they filed the Committee's initial report, the 2006 Year End Report.
4. The FECA requires political committees which have cash on hand at the time of registration to disclose, on their first report, the source of such funds. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(1), 11 C.F.R. § 104.12.
5. Respondents contend that an error resulted in financial data being on incorrect lines, and that they, in fact, did not have cash on hand when they registered the committee and filed the first report. Respondents assert they worked with their RAD analyst to correct the report, and filed an amended report to accurately reflect the financial activity of the new Committee.

6. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to develop and maintain a compliance manual for Committee staff use.
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 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 thirty (30) days from the effective date of this agreement.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 419 (RAD 07L-36), and resolves only 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:

Deborah Ruth Kant, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

By:


Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director

10-29-08

Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Angela Coleman

Representing the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive
Committee-Federal Account and Sonia Badon, Treasurer

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Date Signed

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