



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

November 21, 2008

Michael Argento
1010 Wethersfield Avenue, Suite 101N
Hartford, CT 06114

Re: ADR 425 (RR 07L-40)
Connecticut Republicans and Jerry Labriola, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Argento:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on October 25, 2007 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Connecticut Republicans and Jerry Labriola, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 425 (RR 07L-40) was approved by the Commission on November 5, 2008 – the effective date of the agreement.

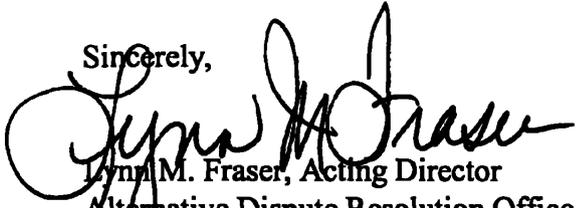
Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 9 of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 6 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6 and contain the ADR caption and case number. **The civil penalty payment should be sent to the attention of the Accounting/Finance Office of the FEC. The civil penalty under the agreement is due on December 5, 2008. Please put the ADR case number on the civil penalty check as well, to ensure crediting to the correct case.**

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 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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Case Number: ADR 425
Source: RR 07L-40
Case Name: Connecticut Republicans

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 Michael Argento, representing the Connecticut Republicans and Gerald Labriola, Jr., in his 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 referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2006 October Monthly Report. The Committee filed its original 2006 October Monthly Report on October 20, 2006. An amended 2006 October Monthly Report filed on March 2, 2007 disclosed \$295,740 in additional receipts.
4. Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including all receipts, pursuant to the FECA. 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(a)(1), 434(b)(2), 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.1, 104.3(a).
5. Respondents acknowledge erroneously reporting the relevant receipts in the month they were deposited rather than the month they were received. Respondents contend that the contributions were received in late September, and deposited in the bank in early October. The contributions were disclosed on the 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report filed October 26, 2006, which covered the period of October 1, 2006-October

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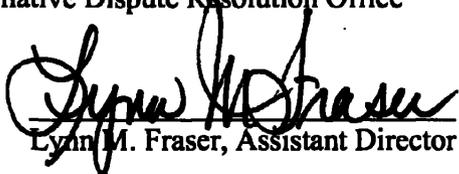
18, 2006. Following a communication from the Commission in February 2007, Respondents realized the contributions should have been disclosed on the 2006 October Monthly Report filed October 20, 2006. Respondents assert an amended 2006 October Monthly Report, disclosing these contributions on the correct report, was filed on March 2, 2007.

6. Respondents took immediate steps to avoid similar errors in the future such as implementing new financial procedures, and retaining an experienced firm to review the financial information and file the Committee's reports. Respondents also agree to:
(a) appoint a compliance specialist to ensure that appropriate financial procedures are consistently utilized; (b) develop and maintain a compliance manual for use by Committee staff; and (c) pay a civil penalty of \$1,800.
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 thirty (30) days from the effective date of this agreement.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 425 (RAD 07L-40), 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

11-5-08

Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Michael Argento
Representing Connecticut Republicans and
Gerald Labriola, Jr., Treasurer

March 3, 2008

Date Signed