



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 11, 2007

Edward Smith
P.O. Box 1940
Erie, PA 16507

Re: ADR 392 (RAD 07L-17)
People for English and Edward Smith, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 People for English 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 People for English and Edward Smith, 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 treasurers of political committees disclose all financial activity, including all receipts. RAD referred People for English and Edward Smith, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to file a complete disclosure

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of financial activity on their 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report. Respondents filed the original 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report on October 26, 2006. Respondents filed an amended 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report on December 6, 2006 that disclosed additional receipts totaling \$54,775.

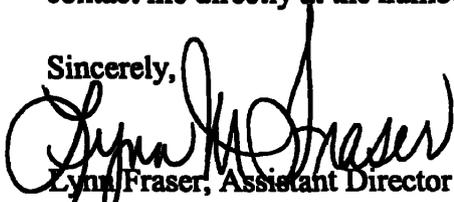
In response to a RFAI sent to the Committee, Respondents contend that the omissions occurred due to medical emergency involving the Committee's compliance officer, and the inexperience of staff who attempted to fill in. Apparently the staff inexperience led to data being entered with incorrect coding, and thus some data was not collected for the 2006 12 Day Pre-General Report. Respondents assert that they hired a compliance organization to review all records for the period of the compliance officer's absence to ensure all records are accurate.

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 392. 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,



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

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