



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

November 25, 2008

Mr. Neil Reiff, Esq.
Sandler, Reiff and Young, PC
300 M Street, S.E., Suite 1102
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ADR 448 (RAD 08L-07)
Washington State Democratic Central Committee and Habib M. Habib,
Treasurer

Dear Mr. Reiff:

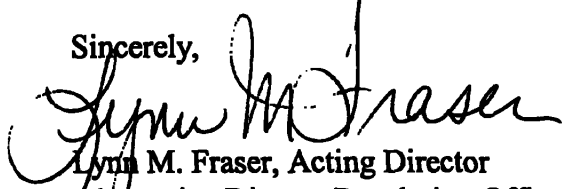
Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on January 30, 2008 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Washington State Democratic Central Committee and Habib M. Habib, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 448 (RAD 08L-07) was approved by the Commission on November 13, 2008 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 8 of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 5 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 5 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 26, 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



THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

Case Number: ADR 448
Source: RAD 08L-07
Case Name: Washington State
Democratic Central Committee

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "the 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 Federal Election Commission ("Commission") entered into negotiations with Neil Reiff, representing the Washington State Democratic Central Committee and Habib M. Habib, in his official capacity as Treasurer ("Respondents" or "Committee"). 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 the cumulative nature of deficiencies on reports filed with the Commission for the 2005-2006 election cycle. A committee may be referred if the cumulative nature of the reporting errors reveals the committee is not in substantial compliance with the law. 2 U.S.C. § 437(g).
4. In response to the referral, the Committee acknowledged that there were reporting errors.
5. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) implement a priority system for adequately responding to RFAs; (b) hire a campaign finance firm to review reports before filed and conduct internal audits

for financial accuracy; (c) certify to the Commission by February 28, 2009 that the financial activity reflected in the FEC reports is accurate for calendar year 2008; and (d) pay a \$3,000 civil penalty.

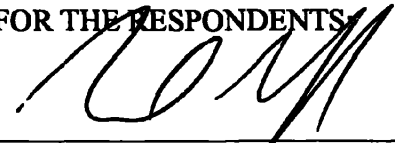
6. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of its knowledge and that it signs this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
7. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, 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.
8. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms set forth in paragraph 5 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement except as otherwise specified in term (c) of paragraph 5.
9. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the resolution of ADR 448 (RAD 08L-07), and effectively resolves only those issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party that is not included herein shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

By: 
for Deborah Ruth Kant, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

11-12-08
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Neil Reiff, representing Washington
State Democratic Central Committee
and Habib M. Habib, Treasurer

6/11/08
Date Signed

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