



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 10, 2008

Ken Carter
1215 Prytania St Ste 364A
New Orleans, LA 70130

Re: ADR 463 (AR 08-13)
Karen Carter for Congress and Ken Carter, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Carter:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) determined that matters arising from its recent review of reports filed by Karen Carter for Congress warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission, thereafter, reviewed the file and assigned this matter to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) 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 Karen Carter for Congress and Ken Carter, 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:

The Audit Division referred Karen Carter for Congress and Ken Carter, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for excessive contributions in the amount of \$65,227, and a failure to file 48-Hour Notices for 33 contributions totaling \$57,000 received prior to the general and run-off elections. The Committee provided copies of letters sent to

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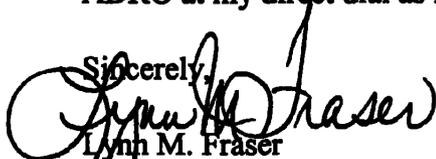
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contributors that were eligible for presumptive redesignation and/or reattribution of otherwise excessive contributions totaling \$56,027, and demonstrated that one contribution in the amount of \$4,200 was returned by the bank due to insufficient funds. In addition, the Committee demonstrated that contributions in the amount of \$14,500 were not received within the 48-Hour Notice period.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed brochure, which describes the ADR program, Respondent(s) 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.

This matter has been designated as ADR 463. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADRO at my direct dial as indicated below

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

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

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