

January 9, 2009

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RE: ADR 472  
Oberweis for Congress

Dear Ms. Fraser:

Following are additional responses I have to the issues raised in ADR 472

1. The initial failure to report debt owed by the Committee until nine days after filing of the original 2008 30 Day Post-Special Report was an honest oversight that I sincerely regret. In hindsight, my focus appears to have been on properly recording and tracking individual contributions, a task complicated by the Special Election. In addition to tracking contributions and expenses for four elections, I also found myself mired in legal defense to a DCCC complaint regarding limitations and reporting of loans made by the Candidate to each of these four elections. I corrected my omission of the outstanding debt on the 30 Day Post-Special Report as soon as I realized my mistake. My sincerest apologies for any misrepresentation this may have caused anyone, for I personally respect the FEC and the disclosure objective of campaign finance law.

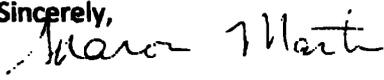
2. The amendment resulting from an invoice not forwarded to me by our fund-raising consultant was the result of an invoice that was quite a surprise to me. The invoice was for expenses incurred at the special election night party. I was told that our initial down payment for the event was expected to exceed the cost of the event, thus a small portion of the down payment was expected to be refunded. Whereas I acknowledge that a Treasurer should expect election night expenses so as to pay and properly report it to the FEC, the bill, and particularly the size of the bill, was completely unexpected.

3. Likewise, the invoices submitted to me by our media consultant were completely unexpected, especially by a company that has been in the political campaign business for several years. All I can surmise is that they also became caught up in the intensity of the election series of primary, special primary, special general that they, too, didn't realize the omission until demands were made of them for overdue invoices. Again, my sincerest apologies for any misrepresentation this may have caused anyone.

Your letter invited me to respond with proposed stipulations or terms to resolve this matter. However, my research did not find any recent FEC cases involving failure to report debt. Therefore, to avoid risk of insulting you or the FEC/ADR office, I have no proposal at this time.

My cell phone number is 630-619-5154. I am available to discuss this matter any day of the week. Mid to late afternoon works better for me during the work week, but I am flexible.

Sincerely,

  
Sharon Martin