



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

November 16, 2009.

Neil Reiff
Sandler, Reiff and Young P.C.
300 M. St. SE, Ste. 1102
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ADR 505 (RAD 09L-27)
Democratic Party of Oregon and Laura Calvo, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Reiff:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on July 24, 2009 by the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") involving Democratic Party of Oregon and Laura Calvo, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 505 (RAD 09L-27) was approved by the Commission on November 13, 2009 – the effective date of the agreement.

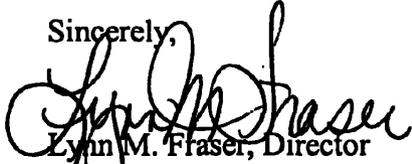
Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 7 of the agreement. **Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in the aforementioned agreement.** The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 7, 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 or before December 13, 2009. 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 complaint/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.

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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, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement

cc: Chris Wedderburn, Finance and Accounting Office
Room 819

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Case Number: ADR 505
Source: RAD 09L-27
Case Name: Democratic Party of Oregon

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 Neil Reiff, Esq., representing the Democratic Party of Oregon and Laura Calvo, in her 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 (RAD) referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report. The Committee filed several amended 2008 12 Day Pre-General Reports beginning on November 25, 2009 resulting in additional receipts of \$244,262.78.
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 reporting issues due to significant internet server problems, resulting in an inability for the Committee to maintain its internet connection. The Committee informed RAD of the connection problems moments after filing its original 2008 Pre-General Report, as it had concerns about lost and/or duplicated transactions. As the Committee's reporting software is an internet based program with the data stored on the server of the software developer, the internet access issues created significant problems. Respondents worked diligently to resolve the accessibility issues for many

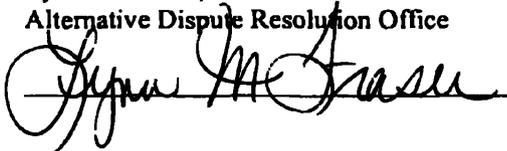
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weeks, and it was finally determined that the problem was with the ISP, and not with the Committee's software or software provider. The possibilities of corrupted, lost or duplicated data required Respondents to meticulously audit affected reports for missing or duplicated data. Respondents filed amended reports as necessary to correct the record.

6. Respondents contend that the \$244,262.78 in additional receipts consisted of two missing transactions and the duplication of a deposit. Specifically, Respondents assert that the additional receipts were the result of a missing transfer of \$228,738.48, another missing transfer of \$50,000, and a duplicated transfer of \$27,570.
7. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) send a representative to a FEC conference within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this agreement; (b) formalize operational procedures and training programs for Committee staff within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement; and (c) pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms of this agreement as set out in paragraph 6 above.
11. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 505 (RAD 09L-27), and resolves 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:

Lynn M. Fraser, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



11-13-09
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:



Neil Reiff, Esq.
Representing the Democratic Party of Oregon and
Laura Calvo, Treasurer

10-28-09
Date Signed

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