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To "Deo" <manuela003@hawaii.rr.com>
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bcc
Subject ADR 554 Settlement Approved

Dear Mr. Manuel:

Attached is the fully executed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on November 24, 2010, by the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") involving Friends for Menor and Amadeo P. Manuel, Treasurer ("Respondents"). Also attached with the agreement is the certification of the final vote resolving **ADR 554 (Audit 07-02)**. **This certification verifies the agreement was approved by the Commission on February 17, 2010 – the effective date of the agreement.**

Note the specific time frame for compliance in **paragraph 6** of the agreement. **Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the agreement to work with Commission staff to terminate the reporting obligations of the Committee no later than April 17, 2011.** The letter should note the date on which Respondents satisfied the term outlined in **paragraph 6**, and contain the ADR caption and case number.

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, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Attachments:



ADR 554 EXECUTED Settlement.pdf ADR 554 Cert of Final Vote.pdf

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**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

Case Number: ADR 554
Source: AD 07-02
Case Name: Friends for Menor

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 Amadeo P. Manuel representing the Friends for Menor and Amadeo P. Manuel, in his 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:

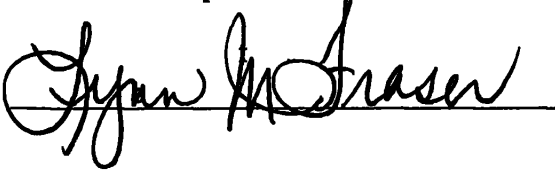
1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 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 Audit Division referred Respondents for receiving excessive contributions during the 2006 election cycle. Specifically, Respondents received loans from three individuals resulting in excessive contributions totaling \$8,780.
4. The FECA states that no person shall make contributions to any candidate and his authorized political committees with respect to any election for Federal office which, in the aggregate, exceed \$2,000. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(a)-(b) (2006).
5. Respondents acknowledge inadvertently exceeding the contribution limits, but contend the loans associated with the excessive amounts have been paid in full with interest.
6. Respondents, in an effort to resolve this matter, agree to work with the Reports Analysis Division to terminate the Committee within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this agreement.

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7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 554 (AD 07-02), 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.

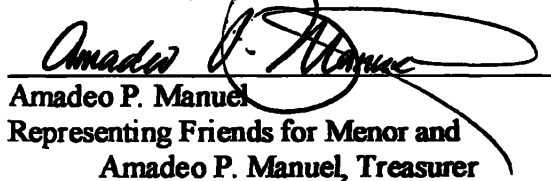
FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lynn M. Fraser, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



2/17/2011
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Amadeo P. Manuel
Representing Friends for Menor and
Amadeo P. Manuel, Treasurer

1/5/2011
Date Signed

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