



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Chris Masters, Treasurer
Lee Hawkins for Congress
4710 Jim Hood Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

Re: ADR 589 (RAD 11L-23)
Lee Hawkins for Congress and Chris Masters, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Masters:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred a compliance issue to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The referral by the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) was based on a review of reports filed by Lee Hawkins for Congress which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

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 Lee Hawkins for Congress and Chris Masters, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate 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 are successful, the resulting settlement concludes 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 ADR Program, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR processing; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral interest based negotiations; 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:

RAD referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial activity. On June 20, 2011, the Committee amended its 2012 12 Day Pre-Runoff Report to disclose additional disbursements totaling \$140,804.86 and its 2010 October Quarterly Report to disclose

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additional disbursements totaling \$155,240.00, which were not disclosed on the original reports filed May 27, 2010, and October 15, 2010, respectively.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions Respondent(s) would like to participate in ADR processing, you must affirmatively indicate so on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR 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 589**. 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,



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Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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