



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

James C. Winne, Treasurer
Henry Yanez for Congress
P.O. Box 181012
Utica, MI 48317

Gary Medland
Lapeer County Democratic Party
P.O. Box 185
Lapper, MI 48446

Re: ADR 603 (MUR 6512)
Henry Yanez for Congress and James C. Winne, Treasurer, and Lapeer County
Democratic Party

Dear Mr. Winne and Mr. Medland:

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 Office of General Counsel was based on a complaint filed by Randy St. Laurent which alleges a violation of 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 direct negotiations with Respondents. 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 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 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:

Complainant Randy St. Laurent alleges that Henry Yanez for Congress and James C. Winne, Treasurer (Respondent HYFC) alleges that Respondent HYFC failed to file

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE
999 E STREET N.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20463
TELEPHONE: 202.694.1661 FAX: 202.219.0613
EMAIL: KROCHE@FEC.GOV

13190293209

reports with the FEC during the 2010 election cycle though \$6,097.11 in contributions were accepted, and that a contribution in excess of \$1,000 was accepted from an unregistered political committee.

In a second complaint, Randy St. Laurent alleges that Lapeer County Democratic Party (Respondent LCDP) violated the law by not registering with the Commission after contributing in excess of \$1,000 to a federal candidate.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions, which describe the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like to participate in ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that 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 603**. 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,



Krista J. Roche
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

cc: Henry Yanez

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

13190293210