



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

April 16, 2012

Barbara May Holmes, Treasurer
Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee
1800 Post Road, Suite 17-1
Warwick, RI 02886

Re: ADR 604 (Pre-MUR 530)
Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Barbara May Holmes, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Holmes:

The Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") received the *sua sponte* submission filed by the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee on January 11, 2012.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and take no further action against the Respondents, the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Barbara May Holmes, Treasurer. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated March 8, 2012, this office recommended:

SUMMARY: The Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Barbara May Holmes, Treasurer (Respondents) filed a *sua sponte* submission acknowledging some inaccurate cash-on-hand (COH) balances that occurred during election cycles 2002, 2004 and 2006. The ADR Office recommends dismissal of ADR 604 (P-MUR 530) based on the fact that Respondents noted the discrepancies, conducted an internal review and filed an amended 2011 Mid-Year Report reducing the starting cash balance from \$44,954.64 to \$590.32.

Respondents contend that the overall COH discrepancy was due to three bookkeeping errors; the first of which dates back to 2002, the second in 2004 and the third in 2006. In addition, Respondents assert they have taken remedial measures to assure the accuracy of future reports filed with the Commission.

Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 29, 2012.

The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). In addition, the Commission will also place on the record copies of the referral and reports prepared for the

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Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. In accordance with federal statute, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded to the FEC's Public Information Office.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Fraser, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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