



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

VIA UPS

May 1, 2013

Joan H. Leonard
13955 Morrison Street
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Re: ADR 632 (MUR 6702)

Dear Ms. Leonard:

On December 3, 2012, the Federal Election Commission (FEC/Commission) received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and take no action against the Respondents, Orly Taitz for US Senate 2012 and Orly Taitz, Treasurer and Kimball Ladien. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated April 11, 2013, this office stated:

Summary: Joan Leonard (Complainant) filed a complaint alleging an illegal contribution disclosed by Orly Taitz for US Senate and Orly Taitz, Treasurer (Respondent Taitz) for the period ending June 30, 2012. The report disclosed a \$2,500 contribution made by Kimball Ladien (Respondent Ladien) for "in-kind advertising" by Sylvia Doucette-Ladien. Complainant asserts this was an illegal contribution, dated May 27, 2012, due to the fact that Mrs. Doucette-Ladien died on February 4, 2012.

Respondent Ladien contended that his wife, Sylvia Doucette-Ladien, requested he make a joint in-kind contribution for an advertisement in support of Orly Taitz in late 2011 or early 2012. He communicated the intention to make this joint in-kind contribution to Respondent Taitz. Respondent Ladien stated that his wife died unexpectedly in February 2012, but he went forward with the contributions to respect her wishes. Due to the fact that he was dealing with her death, the funds were not used to actually produce and pay for the advertisement until May 2012.

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Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on April 25, 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 complaint, correspondence exchanged between Respondents and the Commission, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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