



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

May 1, 2013

Kimball Ladien, MD
1732 West School Street
Chicago, IL 60657

Re: ADR 632 (MUR 6702)
Orly Taitz for US Senate 2012 and Orly Taitz, Treasurer and Kimball Ladien

Dear Dr. Ladien:

On December 27, 2012, the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") notified Kimball Ladien of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with the notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and take no further 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, 2013.

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 Respondent(s) 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please be in touch. My telephone number is 202-694-1665.

Sincerely,


Lynn M. Fraser, Director,
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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