

General Counsel's Office
Federal Elections Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

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RE: MUR 6694

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Dear General Counsel:

This letter is being sent to request that no action be taken against Friends of John Sawyer for Supervisor 2012 (CA Campaign ID #1342219) for a complaint filed regarding an alleged violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On October 31, 2012, residents of the Sonoma County 1st Supervisorial District in California received a mail piece from the candidate controlled committee Friends of John Sawyer for Supervisor 2012. On this mail piece, including support for the John Sawyer for Supervisor campaign, the piece called for voters to "Join us, vote for:" and then lists Federal candidates President Barack Obama, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Congressman Mike Thompson.

In accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), the candidate controlled committee Friends of John Sawyer for Supervisor 2012, through the assistance of legal counsel, electronically filed FEC Form 5 to the offices of the Federal Elections Commission. Rebecca Olson of Miller & Olson, LLP, provided counsel to the candidate controlled committee Friends of John Sawyer for Supervisor 2012 to ensure full compliance with the Federal Elections Commission.

Given the filing of FEC Form 5 and compliance with local and state laws, the candidate controlled committee Friends of John Sawyer for Supervisor 2012 hereby asks that the Federal Elections Commission find no liability against the candidate or candidate controlled committee and dismiss the claim detailed in MUR #6694.

Please note that the letter from the Federal Elections Commission was received by the candidate on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 4, 2012. The letter was sent to a post office box associated with the candidate controlled committee on November 20, 2012 by the Federal Elections Commission. However, after the November 6, 2012 election, the post office box was closed and a forwarding service ensued to the candidate's home address, which was not received until December 4th.

To ensure a response to this claim was not considered late, the candidate controlled committee Friends of John Sawyer for Supervisor 2012 contacted Frankie D. Hampton of the Federal Elections Commission on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 to notify her of the situation outlined above. After learning of these circumstances, Ms. Hampton stated that a response to this claim could be submitted to the Federal Elections Commission on or before Monday, December 10, 2012. Ms. Hampton was also the first person to receive this written letter, along with the attached documentation outlined below.

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Documentation:

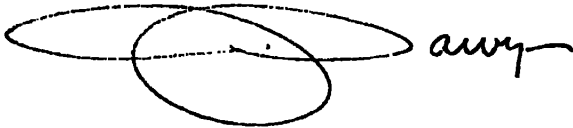
Attached – Copy of mail piece “A Democratic Voter Choice”
Attached – FEC Form 5 “Report of Independent Expenditure”

If there are additional questions related to this case, please address all inquiries to:


Friends of John Sawyer for Supervisor 2012
1608 Deer Run
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Home Phone: (707) 578-6440
Fax Number: (707) 578-6006

Sincerely,

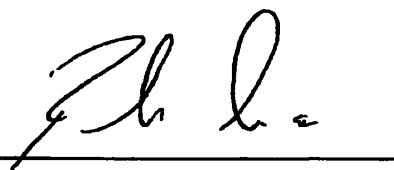


John Sawyer
Candidate, 1st District Supervisor
County of Sonoma, CA

Signature of Candidate: 

Printed Name of Candidate: JOHN SAWYER

Dated: 12/7/12

Signature of Campaign Consultant: 

Printed Name of Campaign Consultant: Robert L. Muelbach II

Dated: 12/7/12

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DEMOCRATIC VOTER CHOICE

"I am a life-long Democrat and a new leader here in Sonoma County. I want to work with Democrats who can be independent in their decision making and be true representatives of our residents. It is important that we elect people who can work together to address our most pressing issues. Please join us, vote for the following candidates."



- Supervisor Efran Carrillo, Sonoma County, District 5

"As a newly-elected Supervisor, I support candidates and elected officials who are dedicated to the beliefs of the Democratic Party. I have been a loyal Democrat all of my life and have always been honest, fair-minded and independent. These are the very traits I seek in those I hope to work with. I hope you will agree, join us and vote for the following candidates."



- Supervisor David Rabbitt, Sonoma County, District 2

"As a Democrat and someone deeply involved in our community, we need our elected officials to be dedicated and responsive to their constituents. I support Sonoma County's new breed of Democrats and the idea of electing candidates who are reasonable, balanced and share in the core values of the Democratic Party. Our recommendations are based on these qualities and I hope you join us and vote for the following candidates."



- Amy O'Gorman Jenkins, Sonoma Valley Community Leader

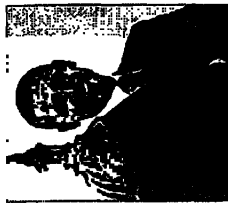
Join Us, Vote for:

President Barack Obama

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Congressman Mike Thompson, District 5

John Sawyer, Supervisor, District 1



A Voter Guide From a New Breed of Democratic Leaders in Sonoma County

A DEMOCRATIC VOTER CHOICE
An Official Guide from a Select Group of Democratic Leaders in Sonoma County
FOR CANDIDATES WE TRUST
VOTE FOR

**OFFICIAL BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THOSE LEADING SONOMA COUNTY**

The Recommended Candidates On This Card Are All Registered Democrats And Deserve Our Support.



OBAMA 2012



NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE OTHER THAN JOHN SAWYER
FOR SUPERVISOR, DESIGNED, PRINTED, AND MAILED IN SONOMA COUNTY
PAID FOR FRIENDS OF JOHN SAWYER FOR SUPERVISOR 2012
CAMPAIGN I.D. 1342219
P.O. BOX 1385
KENWOOD, CA 95452

PSRST STD.
US POSTAGE
PAID
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SANTA ROSA CA



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FEC FORM 5

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES MADE AND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

To Be Used by Persons (Other than Political Committees) including Qualified Nonprofit Corporations

1. (a) Name of Individual, Organization or Corporation *

Entity Type of Filer

Organization (not a committee and not a person) *

Name of Filer

Organization Name Friends of John Sawyer for Supervisor 2012

-or-

Last Name First Name

Middle Name Prefix Suffix

(b) Address (number and street)* check if different than previously reported

PO Box 1385

(c) City

State*

Zip Code

Kenwood

California

95452

2. Corporate filers only

Is the filer a qualified nonprofit corporation? Yes No

Individual filers only

Name of Employer

Occupation

3. FEC Identification Number C 00000000

4. TYPE OF REPORT (Check appropriate report type)

Report Type:*

24-Hour Report

Is this report an amendment? Yes No

5. Covering Period

10/31/2012

(mm/dd/yyyy)

through

10/31/2012

(mm/dd/yyyy)

6. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$0.00

7. TOTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

\$ 4201.87

SCHEDULE 5-A
ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

Add Schedule 5-A

TOTAL This Period
(last page carry total to Line 6)

\$ 0.00

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SCHEDULE 5-E
ITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

Add Schedule 5-E

Independent Expenditure #1.

Delete Record

Entity Type of Payee*

Organization (not a committee and not a person)

Name of Payee *

Organization Name

-or-

Last Name First Name

Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Date of Independent Expenditure*

10/31/2012 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Amount *

\$ 1,319.25

Mailing Address of Payee

455 Tesconi Cir

City State Zip

Payee Committee FEC ID

Purpose of Disbursement (Including title(s) of communication(s)) *

Mailing - Democratic Voter Choice

Category / Type

Advertising Expenses -including general public political advertising

Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought

Candidate ID

Name of Federal Candidate

Last Name First Name

Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Office Sought

- House
- Senate
- President

Check one

- Support
- Oppose

District

State

Disbursement/Obligation For

General

Election Year

2012

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Independent Expenditure #2.

Delete Record

Entity Type of Payee*

Organization (not a committee and not a person)

Name of Payee *

Organization Name

-or-

Last Name First Name

Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Date of Independent Expenditure*

10/31/2012 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Amount *

\$1,319.25

Mailing Address of Payee

455 Tesconi Cir

City: Santa Rosa, State: California, Zip: 95401

Payee Committee FEC ID

Purpose of Disbursement (including title(s) of communication(s)) *

Mailing - Democratic Voter Choice

Category / Type

Advertising Expenses -including general public political advertising

Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought

Candidate ID

Name of Federal Candidate

Last Name First Name

Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Office Sought

- House
- Senate
- President

Check one

- Support Oppose

District

State: California

Disbursement/Obligation For

General

Election Year

2012

Independent Expenditure #3.

Delete Record

Entity Type of Payee*

Organization (not a committee and not a person)

Name of Payee *

Organization Name

-or-

Last Name First Name

Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Date of Independent Expenditure*

10/31/2012 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Amount *

\$1,319.26

Mailing Address of Payee

455 Tesconi Cir

13190293411

[Empty box]

City: Santa Rosa, State: California, Zip: 95401

Payee Committee FEC ID

[Empty box]

Purpose of Disbursement (Including title(s) of communication(s)) *

Mailer - Democratic Voter Choice

Category / Type

Advertising Expenses -including general public political advertising

Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought

[Empty box]

Candidate ID

[Empty box]

Name of Federal Candidate

Last Name: Thompson, First Name: Mike, Middle Name: [Empty], Prefix: [Empty], Suffix: [Empty]

Disbursement/Obligation For

General

Election Year

2012

Office Sought

- House, Senate, President

Check one

- Support, Oppose

District: 05

State

California

Independent Expenditure #4.

Delete Record

Entity Type of Payee*

Organization (not a committee and not a person)

Name of Payee *

Organization Name: SC Design, Last Name: [Empty], First Name: [Empty], Middle Name: [Empty], Prefix: [Empty], Suffix: [Empty]

Date of Independent Expenditure*

10/31/2012 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Amount *

\$81.37

Mailing Address of Payee

555 Fifth Street, Ste 101H

[Empty box]

City: Santa Rosa, State: California, Zip: 95401

Payee Committee FEC ID

[Empty box]

Purpose of Disbursement (Including title(s) of communication(s)) *

Mailer - Democratic Voter Choice

Category / Type

Advertising Expenses -including general public political advertising

Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought

Office Sought

- House, Senate

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[Empty box]

Candidate ID

[Empty box]

Name of Federal Candidate

Last Name First Name
 Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Disbursement/Obligation For

General

Election Year

2012

Senate

President

Check one

Support Oppose

District

[Empty box]

State

-Select-

Independent Expenditure #5.

Delete Record

Entity Type of Payee*

Organization (not a committee and not a person)

Name of Payee *

Organization Name
 -or-
 Last Name First Name
 Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Date of Independent Expenditure*

10/31/2012 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Amount *

\$ 81.37

Mailing Address of Payee

555 Fifth Street, Ste 101H

[Empty box]

City

Santa Rosa

State

California

Zip

95401

Payee Committee FEC ID

[Empty box]

Purpose of Disbursement (Including title(s) of communication(s)) *

Mailer - Democratic Voter Choice

Category / Type

Advertising Expenses -including general public political advertising

Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought

[Empty box]

Candidate ID

[Empty box]

Name of Federal Candidate

Last Name First Name
 Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Disbursement/Obligation For

General

Election Year

2012

Office Sought

House

Senate

President

Check one

Support Oppose

District

[Empty box]

State

California

Independent Expenditure #6.

Delete Record

Entity Type of Payee*

Organization (not a committee and not a person)

Name of Payee *

Organization Name SC Design

-or-

Last Name First Name

Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Date of Independent Expenditure*

10/31/2012 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Amount *

\$ 81.37

Mailing Address of Payee

555 Fifth Street, Ste 101H

City State Zip
Santa Rosa California 95401

Payee Committee FEC ID

Purpose of Disbursement (Including title(s) of communication(s)) *

Mailer - Democratic Voter Choice

Category / Type

Advertising Expenses -including general public political advertising

Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought

Candidate ID

Name of Federal Candidate

Last Name Thompson First Name Mike

Middle Name Prefix Suffix

Office Sought

- House
- Senate
- President

Check one

- Support Oppose

District 05

State

California

Disbursement/Obligation For

General

Election Year

2012

TOTAL Independent Expenditures

\$ 4201.87

(last page carry total to Line 7)

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Under penalty of perjury I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or authorized committee or agent of either, or any political party committee or its agent. In addition, (if the independent expenditures reported herein were made by a corporation) I certify that the corporation is a qualified nonprofit corporation under the Commission's regulations.

TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM*

Last Name Olson First Name Rebecca

Middle Name

DATE *

11/05/2012 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Name Prefix Suffix

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous or incomplete information may subject the person signing this statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

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FEC Form 5 (Rev. 09/2005)

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MUR 6694 Written Response & Documentation

Ryan Rabellino

to:

fhampton

12/10/2012 12:56 PM

Cc:

"Rob Muelrath", "John Sawyer"

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From: "Ryan Rabellino" <ryan@muelrathpublicaffairs.com>

To: <fhampton@fec.gov>,

Cc: "Rob Muelrath" <rob@muelrathpublicaffairs.com>, "John Sawyer" <john@sawyerforsupervisor.com>

5 Attachments



image001.jpg FEC Signed Response Letter.pdf Completed FEC Form 5_John Sawyer for Supervisor.pdf



A Democratic Voter Choice_Front.pdf A Democratic Voter Choice_Back.pdf

Frankie,

Attached is a signed, written response letter related to MUR 6694. Accompanying the letter is a copy of the completed FEC Form 5 along with a copy of "A Democratic Voters Choice" campaign mailer, which was the subject of the complaint.

Let me know if you have any questions about any of these items. Also, if possible, please inform us of the next steps we need to take or should be aware of pending the resolution of this matter. I appreciate your help and guidance in moving this process forward.

Sincerely,

Ryan



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