



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

August 23, 2013

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Re: ADR 655 (RR 13L-06)
Massachusetts Republican Party and Brent Andersen, Treasurer

Dear Mr. DeVito:

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 Reports Analysis Division (RAD) was based on a review of reports filed by the Massachusetts Republican Party which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. This matter was originally assigned to our Office of General Counsel, but has been transferred to the ADR Office. It is understood that you represent the Massachusetts Republican Party and Brent Andersen, Treasurer, in this matter.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with Massachusetts Republican Party and Brent Andersen, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). 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 concludes 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.

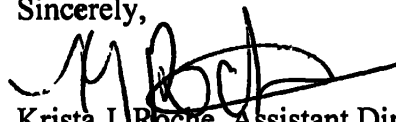
The issues referred to the ADRO, and the focus of our subsequent negotiations, are summarized as follows:

SUMMARY: The Office of General Counsel transferred a referral from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) involving Massachusetts Republican Party and Brent Andersen, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). In the referral, RAD indicated that the Committee failed to timely file three 48-Hour Reports totaling \$141,103.10 and two 24-Hour Reports totaling \$487,923.22. Additionally, the Committee amended its 2009 Year-End, 2010 March Monthly, 2010 August Monthly, 2010 September Monthly, 2010 October Monthly, 2010 12 Day Pre-General, and 2010 Year-End Reports to disclose additional receipts totaling \$60,279.50, additional disbursements totaling \$218,227.61, and additional debts totaling \$141,103.10, a total increase in activity of \$419,610.21. The Committee also received excessive contributions totaling \$31,000 during the 2009-2010 election cycle.

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 655**. 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
202-694-1661

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