

SUMMARY: In ADR 650 the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Richardson for Congress and Laura Richardson, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2012 12 Day Pre-Primary Report filed May 24, 2012. The Committee amended its 2012 12 Day Pre-Primary Report on July 15, 2012 to disclose additional debts of \$52,749.57.

Respondents acknowledge inadvertently omitting some debt in the 2012 12 Day Pre-Primary Report. Respondents contend that a vendor was untimely in sending invoices, and when the invoices were received, the Committee filed an amended report to correct the record. The former candidate was not the Treasurer at the time these errors occurred, and thus was not responsible for the errors which led to the amended 2012 12 Day Pre-Primary Report.

In ADR 678, RAD referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial transactions in violation of the FECA. The Committee disclosed possible unauthorized activity by Kinde Durkee, the former Treasurer, on its next scheduled filing, when it filed the 2011 October Quarterly Report. Respondents informed the Commission that "prior to September 13, 2011, Richardson for Congress was a client of Kinde Durkee of Durkee & Associates."

The Committee contends it continued to review bank records and reports filed with the Commission by the former Treasurer, Kinde Durkee. On July 13, 2013 Respondents immediately filed an Amended 2011 October Quarterly Report disclosing a disbursement of \$66,342 described as "funds believed to be misappropriated by former treasurer" and adjusted its cash-on-hand balances on subsequent reports accordingly.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Richardson for Congress and Laura Richardson, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.