



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

July 1, 2014

Lyn Utrecht
Utrecht & Phillips, PLLC
1900 M Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036

Re: ADR 679 (RR 12L-44)
Democrats Reshaping America and Jennifer May, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Utrecht:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the Negotiated Settlement resolving the above shown matter. The Negotiated Settlement was approved by the Federal Election Commission (Commission) on June 24, 2014 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note the specific time frames for compliance in Paragraph 6 of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the term listed in the aforementioned agreement.

As you are aware, the Negotiated Settlement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint/referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our negotiations, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

This agreement resolves this matter. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Roche".

Krista J. Roche
Assistant Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enc: Negotiated Settlement



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Source: RR 12L-44
Case Name: Democrats Reshaping America

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission (Commission) pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (FECA) and resolve this matter, the Commission entered into negotiations with Lyn Utrecht, Esq., and Karen Zeglis, Esq. representing Democrats Reshaping America (DREAMPAC) and Jennifer May, in her official capacity as Treasurer (the Committee or Respondents). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in this referral. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996," 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
2. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The Reports Analysis Division referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial transactions in violation of the FECA. The Committee filed its 2011 Year End Report to disclose apparent unauthorized disbursements of \$11,401.95.
4. Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including all receipts, disbursements, and debts, pursuant to the FECA. 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b)(2), (4), and (8), 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(a), (b), and (d).
5. Respondents contend they discovered that a former Treasurer, Kinde Durkee, misappropriated Committee funds at various times during her tenure (2005 – 2011). Respondents contend that in response to the discovery of unauthorized transactions a comprehensive analysis of financial activity was performed, a new compliance vendor was hired, and new internal controls were implemented.

