



Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

July 1, 2014

Lyn Utrecht  
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1900 M Street NW, Suite 500  
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Re: ADR 689 (Pre-MUR 538)  
ADR 691 (RR 12L-28)  
Committee to Reelect Linda Sanchez 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 7 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 "KRISTA J. ROCHE".

Krista J. Roche  
Assistant Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enc: Negotiated Settlement



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Case Number: ADR 689  
Source: P-MUR 538  
Case Number: ADR 691  
Source: RR 12L-28  
Case Name: Committee to Re-Elect  
Linda Sanchez

**NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT**

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission (Commission) pursuant to information ascertained by the filing of a *sua sponte* submission and 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 the Committee to Re-Elect Linda Sanchez 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 and *sua sponte* submission. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

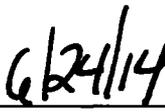
1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 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. In ADR 689, Respondents filed a *sua sponte* submission stating that a former Treasurer, Kinde Durkee, misappropriated Committee funds at various times during her tenure (2002 – 2011).
4. In ADR 691, the Reports Analysis Division referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial transactions in violation of the FECA. The Committee filed its 2011 October Quarterly Report to disclose unauthorized disbursements of \$322,123.22.
5. 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).

6. 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.
7. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to certify the implementation of internal controls consistent with the Commission's Best Practices for Committee Management (2009 update) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement.
8. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
9. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
10. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms of this agreement as set out in paragraph 7 above, and shall certify compliance with the above settlement terms in writing to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office on or before the date each term becomes due.
11. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 689 (P-MUR 538) and ADR 691 (RR 12L-28), and resolves those issues identified in paragraphs 3 and 4 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Krista J. Roche, Assistant Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

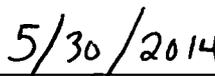
  
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FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

  
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Lyn Utrecht, Esq.  
Representing Committee to Re-Elect Linda  
Sanchez and Jennifer May, Treasurer

  
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