



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

November 13, 2014

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Re: ADR 745 (A 11-15)
Democratic Party of Illinois and Michael Kasper, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Svoboda:

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 Audit Division (Audit) was based on a review of reports filed by the Democratic Party of Illinois which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

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 Democratic Party of Illinois and Michael Kasper, 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 would conclude 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:

Audit referred Respondents for two findings detailed in the Final Audit Report approved by the Commission on October 23, 2014. Finding 1 states that the Committee misstated its receipts and disbursements for calendar year 2010, by underreporting \$203,666 in receipts and \$215,677 in disbursements. Finding 2 states that the Committee did not

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report Levin funds totaling \$115,274 and incorrectly disclosed a shared election activity expenditure in the amount of \$144,375 as a shared operating expense.

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 745**. 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,



Kristal J. Roche

Assistant Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office