



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

February 24, 2016

Thomas E. Montgomery, III, Treasurer
Vanila Singh for Congress 2014
PO BOX 14037
FREMONT, CA 94539

Re: ADR 782 (RAD 15L-25)
Vanila Singh for Congress 2014 and Thomas E. Montgomery, III, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on September 29, 2015 by the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") involving Vanila Singh for Congress 2014 and Thomas E. Montgomery, III, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 782 (RAD15L-25) was approved by the Commission on February 19, 2016 – 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 certifying Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6, and contain the ADR caption and case number. The civil penalty payment should be sent to the attention of the Accounting/Finance Office of the FEC. The civil penalty under the agreement is due on or before ---- April 19, 2016.¹ Please put the ADR case number on the civil penalty check as well, to ensure crediting to the correct case.

As you are aware, the settlement agreement 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 entry into settlement 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.

¹ Please note, if the Commission refers an unpaid civil penalty to the US Treasury or third party collection agent, additional costs and fees will be assessed.

Sincerely,

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION – ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE
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Case Number: ADR 782
Source: RAD 15-35
Case Name: Vanila Singh for Congress 2014

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 Thomas E. Montgomery representing Vanila Singh for Congress 2014 and Thomas E. Montgomery, in his 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 52 U.S.C. § 30109.
2. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The Reports Analysis Division referred Respondents for failing to remedy impermissible 2014 General Election contributions within the permissible timeframe. Candidate Vanila Singh lost the 2014 Primary Election. Respondents received 2014 General Election contributions totaling \$30,755 from thirteen (13) individuals, which were not remedied within sixty (60) days of receipt.
4. If the candidate is not a candidate in a general election, any contributions made for the general election shall be refunded to the contributors, redesignated, or reattributed within sixty (60) days. 52 U.S.C. 30116(a), 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.9(e), 110.1(b).
5. Respondents acknowledge inadvertently not remedying the 2014 General Election contributions timely, all which have now been remedied with amended disclosure reports filed to correct the record. The Committee wishes to terminate its political committee status.

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Lynn M. Fraser, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

2/19/2016
Date Signed

Thomas E. Montgomery
Representing Vanila Singh for Congress 2014 and
Thomas E. Montgomery, Treasurer

12/14/2015
Date Signed