



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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Re: ADR 799 (AR 16-01)
Utah State Democratic Committee and Peter Corroon, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Reiff:

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 Utah State Democratic Committee 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 the Utah State Democratic Committee and Peter Corroon, 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:

Summary of Case: On February 9, 2016, the Commission approved the Proposed Final Audit Report on the Utah State Democratic Party and Peter Corroon, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). In that report the Commission found that the Committee misstated its financial activity, which included receipts in the amount of

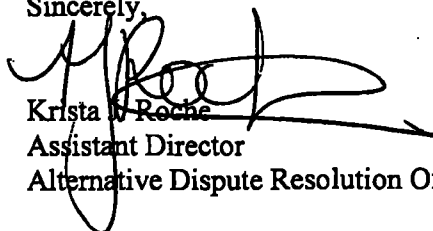
\$92,203¹. The Commission also found that the Committee failed to maintain monthly payroll logs to document the time employees spent on federal activity, totaling \$62,135.

The Committee contends that it has adopted new employee recordkeeping policies which require employees to sign timesheets tracking the time spent on federal activity, which the Audit staff found sufficient.

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 799**. 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,


Krista W. Roche
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions
Commitment to Submit to ADR & Designation of Representative/Counsel

¹The Committee amended their reports after the audit notification letter was sent. These amendments resulted in a revised misstatement amount of \$89,290.