



Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

March 29, 2017

Jason S. Miyares, Esq.  
Hanger Law  
618 Village Drive, Suite J  
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Re: ADR 813  
Scott Rigell for Congress and Joe Wood, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Miyares:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the Negotiated Settlement resolving the referral initiated on October 20, 2016, by the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") involving the above-shown Respondents. The Negotiated Settlement was approved by the Commission on March 23, 2017 – 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 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 22, 2017.<sup>1</sup> Please put the ADR case number on the civil penalty check as well, to ensure crediting to the correct case.**

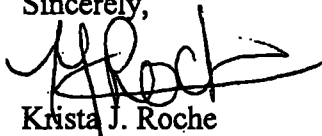
As you are aware, the Negotiated Settlement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint/referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our negotiations, and reports prepared for the 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

This agreement resolves the matter that was initiated by the Commission pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities regarding violations of federal election campaign laws. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,



Krista J. Roche  
Assistant Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enc: Negotiated Settlement

cc: Gwendolyn Holmes, Finance and Accounting Office



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Case Number: ADR 813  
Source: RAD 16L-19  
Case Name: Scott Rigell for Congress

### 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 Jason Miyares, Esq., representing Scott Rigell for Congress and Joe Wood, 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 failure to refund or redesignate 2016 General Election contributions totaling \$74,075.00 within the permissible timeframe following the candidate's announcement not to participate in the 2016 Primary Election.
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. On August 30, 2016, Respondents filed an FEC Form 99 stating, in part, that "we made it a priority to return these funds and re-designate as required as soon as we were made aware of this issue." All of the contributions at issue have been refunded or redesignated, albeit untimely. At this time, the Committee states it wishes to terminate operations.
6. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) pay a civil penalty of \$5,600 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement; and

(b) disgorge any remaining balance of uncashed refund checks for general election contributions to the U.S. Treasury within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement. As the Committee wishes to terminate its political committee status, Respondents will certify the closure of the Committee's federal account and file a termination report within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this agreement, and work with Commission staff to terminate their political committee status and reporting obligations with the Commission. The Committee will continue reporting until such time as the termination has been approved.

7. 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.
8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may submit any unpaid civil penalty to the U.S. Treasury for collection or undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
9. 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 6 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.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 813 (RAD 16L-19), and resolves those issues identified in paragraph 3 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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Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

  
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Jason Miyares, Esq.  
Representing Scott Rigell for Congress and  
Joe Wood, Treasurer

  
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Date Signed