



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

June 14, 2017

Kaisar Ahmed, Treasurer  
Kaisar Ahmed for US Congress 2016  
610 Golden West Drive  
Redlands, CA 92373

Re: ADR 827 (MUR 7203)  
Kaisar Ahmed for US Congress 2016 and Kaisar Ahmed, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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 Office of General Counsel was based on a complaint filed by Mark C. Edwards, which alleges a violation of 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 Kaisar Ahmed for US Congress 2016 and Kaisar Ahmed, 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 December 5, 2016, Mark C. Edwards filed a Complaint alleging that Kaisar Ahmed, 2016 candidate for California's 31st Congressional district, failed to timely file a Statement of Candidacy designating a principal campaign committee within 15 days of becoming a candidate, and that Kaisar Ahmed for US Congress 2016 and Kaisar Ahmed, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) failed to timely file a Statement of Organization within 10 days of designation as Mr. Ahmed's principal

campaign committee. Further, the Complaint alleges that the Committee failed to file reports of receipts and disbursements.

In a response dated February 28, 2017, Mr. Ahmed indicates that he filed all required paperwork with San Bernardino County Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters. Mr. Ahmed disclosed \$20,290.52 in receipts (\$18,440.52 in candidate loans and \$1,850 in unitemized monetary contributions) and \$20,290.52 in expenditures to the county. Records indicate that Mr. Ahmed also filed a Statement of Candidacy with the FEC on May 13, 2016, but no Statement of Candidacy or disclosure reports were filed.

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 827**. 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 J. Roche

Assistant Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office