



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 11, 2018

Peri Stockinger, Treasurer
Rights & Democracy Action
83 Hanover Street, Suite 26
Manchester, NH 03101

Re: ADR 865 (RAD 18L-07)
Rights & Democracy Action and Peri Stockinger, Treasurer

Dear Peri Stockinger:

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 Reports Analysis Division was based on a review of reports filed by Rights & Democracy Action 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 Rights & Democracy Action and Peri Stockinger, 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:

RAD referred Rights & Democracy Action and Peri Stockinger, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to file two (2) 24-Hour Reports totaling \$31,191.02 to support four (4) independent expenditures disclosed on the Amended 2016 30 Day Post-General Report.

The Committee contends that it attempted to file a report detailing independent expenditures using FEC Form 5, but the report was not accepted because registered political committees are required to file using FEC Form 3X. Additionally, the Committee contends there was internal confusion regarding the independent expenditure activity because the Committee was originally a 501(c)(4) organization. On October 25, 2017, the Committee filed a 24-Hour Report covering these expenditures.

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 from the date 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 865**. 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,

KJ Roche

Krista J. Roche

Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office