



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 17, 2018

Zachary Parks, Esq.
2620 Foxhall Rd. NW
Washington, DC 20007

Re: ADR 870
Eugene Ludwig

Dear Zachary Parks:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the Negotiated Settlement resolving the above-shown matter. The Negotiated Settlement was approved by the Commission on 7/10/2018 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note the specific time frames for compliance detailed in the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with each term. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms and contain the ADR case number. For your convenience, a compliance chart is attached.

Under the terms of the agreement, a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,700.00 is due on 8/9/2018. Kindly review the attached payment instructions for details on payment methods and the collection of unpaid debts.

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 Records Office.

This agreement resolves this matter. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,

Krista J. Roche

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Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enc: Payment Instructions
Compliance Chart
Negotiated Settlement

cc: Gwendolyn Holmes, Finance and Accounting Office



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Case Number: ADR 870
Source: RAD 18L-18
Case Name: Eugene Ludwig

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 Zachary Parks, Esq., representing Eugene Ludwig (Respondent). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

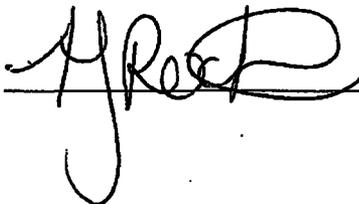
Negotiations between the Commission and Respondent addressed the issues raised in this referral. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

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 Respondent. 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. Respondent voluntarily enters into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Respondent for failing to file one (1) 24-Hour Report totaling \$49,462.21 to support two (2) independent expenditures disclosed on the 2016 Year-End Report.
4. ~~Persons and entities that are not political committees that make or contract to make~~ independent expenditures aggregating \$1,000 or more after the 20th day, but more than 24 hours, before the date of an election shall file a report describing the expenditures within 24 hours. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(g)(1), 11 C.F.R. § 109.10.
5. The Respondent filed a 24-Hour report covering these expenditures on September 7, 2017.
6. Respondent, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agrees to: (a) consult with campaign finance specialists to ascertain his legal obligations prior to making any future independent expenditure or electioneering communication; and (b) pay a civil penalty of \$3,700 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement.

7. Respondent agrees that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and that he signs this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
8. The parties agree that if Respondent fails 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. Respondent shall comply with the terms of this agreement as set out in paragraph 6 above, and shall certify payment of the civil penalty in writing to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office on or before the date it becomes due.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 870 (RAD 18L-18), 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.

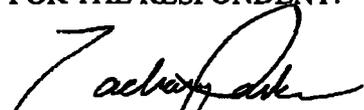
FOR THE COMMISSION:

Krista J. Roche, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



7/10/18
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENT:



Zachary Parks, Esq.
Representing Eugene Ludwig

6/14/2018
Date Signed