



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 20, 2020

VoteVets.org Action Fund
2201 Wisconsin Avenue NW, #320
Washington, DC 20007

**Response Due Date
July 30, 2020**

Re: ADR 965 (RAD 20L-09)
VoteVets.org Action Fund (C90010620)

Dear Respondent:

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 is based on a review of reports filed by VoteVets.org Action Fund, which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

An email was sent to your office on June 17, 2020, regarding an opportunity to participate in the ADR program at the Commission to resolve this matter. To date, the Commission has received no response. 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 VoteVets.org Action Fund and Peter Mellman, 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.

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The issues referred to the ADRO, and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are summarized as follows:

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) is referring VoteVets.org Action Fund (Respondent) for failing to timely file the 2019 October Quarterly Report to support the independent expenditures totaling \$226,883.50 disclosed on one (1) 48-Hour Report.

On February 3, 2020, the Respondent filed a 2019 Year-End Report, covering the period from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. This report includes the coverage period for the 2019 October Quarterly Report and disclosed independent expenditures totaling \$226,883.50, which were previously reported on the 48-Hour Report.

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 July 30, 2020 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 965**. 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,



Rosa Marshall

Assistant Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enclosures:

Commitment to Participate in ADR & Designation of Representative/Counsel