



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 4, 2020

K. William Bailey, Chairman
Wayne County Democratic Party
1425 Saunders Drive
Wooster, Oh 46691

Response Due Date
12/28/2020

Re: ADR 982 (P-MUR 642)
Wayne County Democratic Party and K. William Bailey, Chairman

Dear Mr. Bailey:

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 (P-MUR 642) was based on a *sua sponte* submission filed by Wayne County Democratic Party, which reflects 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 Wayne County Democratic Party and K. William Bailey, Chairman (Respondents). 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:

In a *sua sponte* submission filed On October 6, 2020, Respondents state that they made expenditures in excess of \$5,000, which are considered contributions to support federal candidates. The expenditures total \$15,356.56 and may be considered exempt

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE
1050 FIRST STREET N.E., WASHINGTON, DC 20463
TELEPHONE: 202.694.1152
EMAIL: RMARSHALL@FEC.GOV

party activities, which trigger political committee status. Wayne County Democratic Party is a local political committee in the state of Ohio and is not registered with the Commission.

Respondents state that the violation was not intentional and filed the submission as soon as they were made aware of the issue.

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 982**. 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